

## INSIDE TODAY

### Resigned



Dominique Strauss-Kahn

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Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned Wednesday as head of the International Monetary Fund after explosive accusations that he had sexually attacked a housekeeper in a Midtown Manhattan hotel room.

“It is with infinite sadness that I feel compelled today to present to the Executive Board my resignation from my post of managing director of the IMF,” he said in a statement dated Wednesday and released early Thursday by the IMF. “I think at this time first of my wife – whom I love more than anything – of my children, of my family, of my friends.”

His resignation comes four days after Strauss-Kahn was taken off an Air France plane at New York’s Kennedy International Airport and arrested in connection with the accusations, and a day after Timothy F. Geithner, the Treasury secretary, urged the IMF to appoint an interim managing director.

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### Obama addresses Arab Spring



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WASHINGTON – Seeking to

harness the seismic political change still unfolding in the Arab world, President Barack Obama for the first time

Thursday called for a settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that would create a non-militarized Palestinian

state on the basis of Israel’s borders before the 1967 war that led to the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

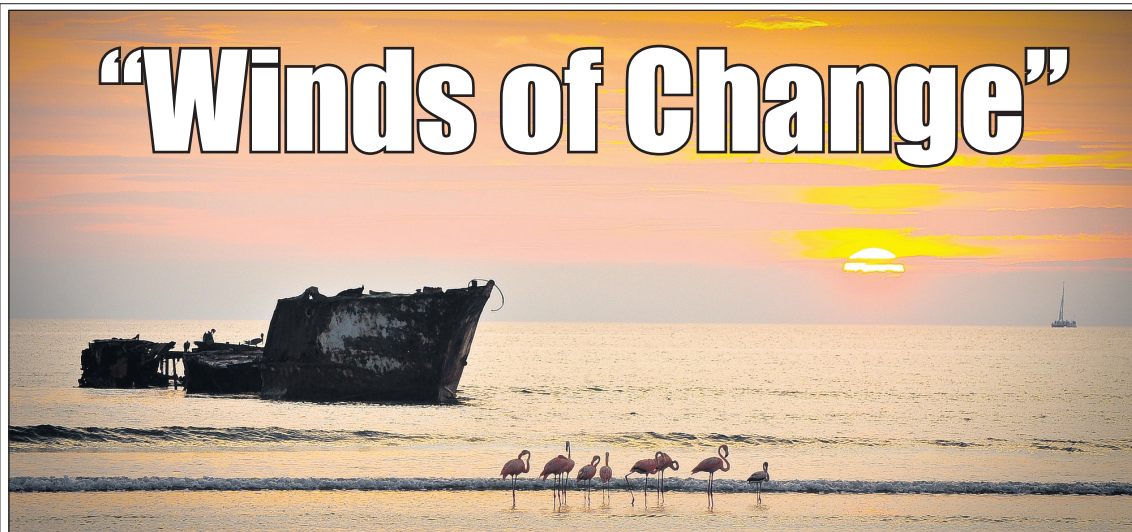
“At a time when the people of the Middle East and North Africa are casting off the burdens of the past, the drive for a lasting peace that ends the conflict and resolves all claims is more urgent than ever,” he said.

Although Obama said that “the core issues” dividing Israelis and Palestinians remained to be negotiated, including the searing questions of Jerusalem and the fate of Palestinian refugees, he spoke with striking frustration that efforts to support an agreement had so far failed.

“The international community is tired of an endless process that never produces an outcome,” he said.

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### “Winds of Change”



**MALMOK** – The recent change of wind direction has lured Venezuelan flamingos to visit the shores of Aruba. Flamingos often stand on one leg, the other tucked beneath the body. The reason for this behavior is not fully understood. Some suggest that the flamingo, like some other animals, has the ability to have half of its body go into a state of sleep, and when one side is rested, the flamingo will swap legs and then let the other half sleep, but this has not been proven. Recent research has indicated that standing on one leg may allow the birds to conserve more body heat, given that they spend a significant amount of time wading in cold water. As well as standing in the water, flamingos may stamp their webbed feet in the mud to stir up food from the bottom. □

~ Photo by Angela Munzenhofer



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The outline for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement came in what the president called “a moment of opportunity” after six months of political upheaval that has at times left the administration scrambling to keep up. The speech was an attempt to articulate a cohesive U.S. policy to an “Arab Spring” that took a dark turn as the euphoria of popular revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt gave way to violent crackdowns in Bah-

rain and Syria, a civil war in Libya and political stalemate in Yemen. It required a delicate balance, reaffirming support for democratic aspirations in a region where America’s strategic interests have routinely trumped its values. While Obama pushed for Hosni Mubarak’s exit in Egypt, he has backed up the Bahraini royal family’s effort to cling to power. While he called for the resignation of Moammar Gad-

hafi and supported a bombing campaign against Libya with that ultimate goal, he vacillated as Bashar Assad of Syria turned tanks and troops on his people, authorizing sanctions against him only Wednesday. Obama said the events in the region reflected an inexorable desire for democracy that nations – both friend and foe of the United States – could not suppress. He warned Assad that Syria would face increasing isolation if he did

not respond to those demanding a transition to democracy, though again, he stopped short of explicitly calling for his removal. “President Assad now has a choice,” Obama said. “He can lead that transition, or get out of the way.” He was no less blunt in the case of Bahrain, an ally that has brutally cracked down on protests there. “The only way forward is for the government and opposition to engage in a dialogue, and you can’t have real dialogue when parts of the peaceful opposition are in jail,” he said in one of the few phrases that drew applause from an audience that included State Department officials, lawmakers, military commanders and Arab diplomats. Obama, in his remarks, reaffirmed that the Middle East is a complex place, where different countries demand different responses, although he affirmed that U.S. support for democracy should undergird its policies. It was a marked contrast to his landmark speech in Cairo in June 2009, when he addressed himself to the Islamic world as a whole, trying to heal a rift with the United States. □

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Strauss-Kahn, a former French finance minister, had been expected to declare his candidacy for the French presidency soon. He was seen as one of the candidates most likely to defeat President Nicolas Sarkozy. In issuing his resignation, Strauss-Kahn said, “I want to say that I deny with the greatest possible firmness all of the allegations that have been made against me.” French news organizations quickly announced Strauss-Kahn’s resignation and underscored that he was leaving to focus on proving his innocence. Commentators said it was unusual for Strauss-Kahn to use personal language, including references to his wife, family and colleagues at the IMF. The selection of a successor will now take an official turn, with the executive board expected to meet quickly, possibly as early as Thursday, to start opening up the application process, said an IMF official who spoke anonymously because of the sensitivity of the situation. Officials had originally planned to wait for a decision from the grand jury in New York to see whether Strauss-Kahn would be freed from Rikers Island prison before starting a formal selection process. But as Geithner and others suggested Strauss-Kahn step aside, people within the fund were already thinking about the future. “The IMF is not decapitated,” said the official. “But with his resignation, it’s better to find a new managing director quickly.” The jockeying for his replacement has already begun. The French finance minister, Christine Lagarde, is considered a leading candidate to succeed Strauss-Kahn, her friend and colleague. Her straight talk has helped burnish Lagarde’s reputation as one of Europe’s most influential ambassadors in the world of international finance. Her main competition, analysts say, is Kemal Dervis, a former finance minister of Turkey. □

## In message, bin Laden praised Arab uprisings

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In a message to Muslims made public 16 days after his death, Osama bin Laden praised the pro-democracy uprisings that had swept the Arab world and, in the view of some experts, called into question the relevance of al-Qaida, the terrorist network he founded and led for 23 years.

In the 12-minute audio message, posted Wednesday to jihadist forums on the Web, bin Laden welcomed the uprisings that toppled the autocratic leaders of Tunisia and Egypt, according to a translation released by the SITE Intelligence Group, a private Web monitoring service. Al-Qaida’s media branch called the recording, “Speech from the Martyr of Islam – As We Think of Him – To the Islamic Ummah,” or global community of Muslims.



**This image from video provided by the SITE Intelligence Group shows the image displayed during a posthumous audio message from slain al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden released by the terrorist group’s media arm, as-Sahab. In the message recorded shortly before his death, bin Laden praises the protests sweeping the Middle East.** (AP Photo/SITE Intelligence Group)

“We watch with you this great historic event and we share with you joy and happiness and delight and felicity,” bin Laden said. “We are happy for what makes you happy, and we are sad for what makes you sad. So congratulations to

you for your victories.” Before he was killed May 2 by Navy SEALs who stormed his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, bin Laden had not reacted publicly to the series of popular demonstrations in Arab countries that had riv-

eted the world’s attention. Some experts on the Middle East have said that the so-called Arab Spring appeared to catch al-Qaida unawares and that young demonstrators had implicitly rejected its extremist ideology. But some militants, including Anwar al-Awlaki, the U.S.-born al-Qaida propagandist hiding in Yemen, have claimed that the uprisings will make room for Islamists to seize power. In recent years, bin Laden released about half a dozen audio messages annually. But months had passed without any comment on the transforming events in the Arab world. His new message did not scold the demonstrators in Egypt and Tunisia for the fact that their slogans and demands were almost exclusively secular in nature. □



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# Romney: Obama 'threw Israel under the bus'

By PHILIP ELLIOTT,  
Associated Press Philip Elliott

HANOVER, N.H. — Republicans looking to unseat President Barack Obama charged Thursday that he undermined the sensitive and delicate negotiations for Middle East peace with his outline for resumed talks between Israelis and Palestinians.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman said Obama, whom he served as U.S. ambassador to China until last month, undercut an opportunity for Israelis and Palestinians to build trust. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said Obama "threw Israel under the bus" and handed the Palestinians a victory even before negotiations between the parties could resume. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich called it "the most dangerous speech ever made by an American president for the survival of Israel."

Foreign policy has hardly been the center of the debate among the still-forming GOP presidential field. Instead,

the candidates and potential candidates have kept their focus — like the country's — on domestic issues that are weighing on voters and their pocketbooks. Obama's speech provided one of the first opportunities for Republicans

of its future state based on 1967 borders — before the Six Day War in which Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. That was a significant shift in U.S. foreign policy.

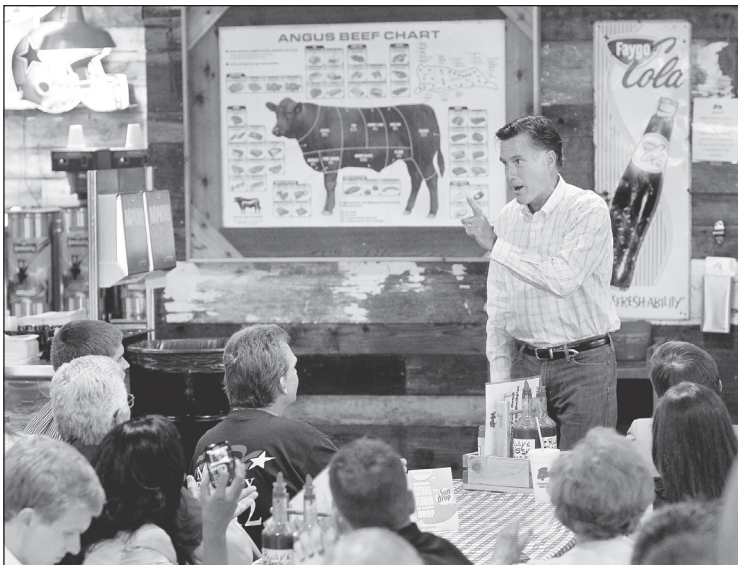
Campaigning here in the

foster trust between Israelis and Palestinians.

"If we respect and recognize Israel as the ally that it is, we probably ought to listen to what they think is best," said Huntsman, who served in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush before surprising his party and serving Obama, a Democrat.

He acknowledged he didn't watch Obama's speech and was reacting to news coverage — or, as he called it, "the aftermath."

"It is disrespectful of Israel for America to dictate negotiating terms to our ally," Romney said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It is not appropriate for the president to dictate the terms." □



Republican Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, center, speaks during a stop at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q, Thursday, May 19, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

(AP Photo/The Dallas Morning News Jim Mahoney)

to assert their foreign policy differences with Obama and his Democratic administration. Obama endorsed Palestinians' demands for the borders

state that hosts the first presidential nominating primary, Huntsman also said the United States should respect Israel and work to

## Lawyer: Gitmo prisoner who died was mentally ill

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Guantanamo Bay prisoner who died in an apparent suicide had twice before tried to kill himself at the U.S. base in Cuba and had a long-term mental illness that predated his time in custody, his lawyer said Thursday. One previous suicide attempt was so serious the prisoner nearly died, but he was saved by military doctors, attorney Paul Rashkind told The Associated Press.

"This was a young man who suffered significant psychosis, a paralyzing psychosis beginning many years ago, long before he got to Gitmo," Rashkind said in a phone interview from St. Louis.

The U.S. military said the 37-year-old Afghan

prisoner identified as Inayatullah was found unconscious and not breathing Wednesday. Doctors attempted "extensive lifesaving measures" but could not revive him, the government said in a brief statement.

The prisoner apparently hanged himself with what appeared to be bed linen in an exercise yard of the detention center, a Guantanamo spokeswoman, Navy Cmdr. Tamsen A. Reese, told the AP.

Reese declined to discuss details about the detainee's death or medical history pending an investigation into the case by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

She said the prisoner did not have a history of disciplinary problems: "He was generally a compliant detainee." □

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# A river's crest arrives like an afterthought

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VICKSBURG, Miss. — Here it was at last: high, fast and in a very bad mood.

The crest of the Mississippi rolled into town Thursday morning, a few inches shy of earlier estimates but still setting a record by a healthy margin. For those along its banks, it was hardly a pivotal moment:

The crest had been announcing its arrival for weeks by flooding neighborhoods and sending backwater over thousands of acres of Mississippi and Louisiana farmland, and it is not going back down to normal levels anytime soon.

The damage has already been extensive, and the waters have proved deadly.

Police officials here said Thursday that a man pulled from the water earlier in the week had died in the hospital. They said they were still trying to determine whether the death of the 69-year-old man, who had been trying to wade through the floodwaters, was



Manuel Martinez, who evacuated his home in Butte La Rose, La., readies a houseboat as he waits for the waters to rise in Henderson, La., May 19, 2011. The crest of the Mississippi rolled into Vicksburg, Miss., on Thursday morning, a few inches shy of earlier estimates but still setting a record by a healthy margin.

(Cheryl Gerber/The New York Times)

caused by drowning.

If so, that would bring the death toll from this year's floods to at least four; three died in flooding from the White River in Arkansas ear-

lier this month.

Officials worried that residents, impatient to return to their homes, would try to come back sooner than they should. The emergency, they

insisted, is ongoing.

"For many people not familiar with a river flood, they think the crest is the magical end to

this event," said Sheriff Martin Pace of Warren County, where Vicksburg is located. "It is not."

The river will stay this high for a week or more here, and the level is not projected to sink back to normal until August. The worst of the flooding is also in store for the towns and small communities in southern Louisiana over the next week, and will stay there, too, for a long time.

And still, the backwater that is already inundating the farmland of the Mississippi Delta is continuing to rise to match the level of the river here, where the Yazoo River joins the Mississippi.

A flight over the Delta on Wednesday revealed a vast caramel-colored ocean, flat as a tabletop, interrupted by treetops, deer stands, grain elevators and, occasionally, the roofs of farmhouses. State agricultural officials have estimated that 1.2 million acres will be inundated, 600,000 of them farmland. □

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# Zombies upstage a routine CDC public health bulletin

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Pity poor Tom Skinner, a top spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who has been valiantly trying to interest reporters in a new study in the agency's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report trumpeting "10 Great Public Health Achievements." Unfortunately for Skinner, over at his agency's public health blog, his colleagues were posting something that really got to the beating heart of morbidity and mortality: the first official CDC instructions on coping with a zombie apocalypse.

Yes, that's right. With a straight face, the normally staid health agency had posted a primer on how to prepare for an invasion of the brain-eating undead.

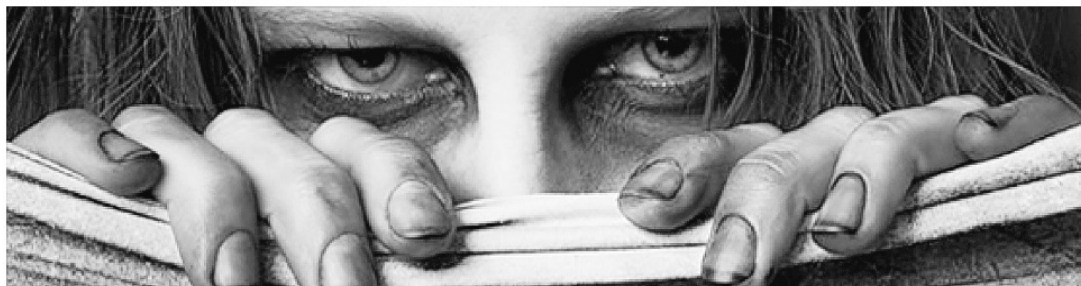
"So what do you need before zombies ... or hurricanes or pandemics, for example, actually happen?" the post said. "First of all, you should have an emergency kit in your house. This includes things like water, food and other supplies to get you through the first couple of days before you can locate a zombie-free refugee camp."

The idea, said David Daigle, a CDC spokesman whose portfolio includes disaster response, came up as they were discussing how to make the agency's annual "It's Hurri-

## Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse

Categories: General

May 16th, 2011 11:48 am ET - Ali S. Khan



There are all kinds of emergencies out there that we can prepare for. Take a zombie apocalypse for example. That's right, I said z-o-m-b-i-e a-p-o-c-a-l-y-p-s-e. You may laugh now, but when it happens you'll be happy you read this, and hey, maybe you'll even learn a thing or two about how to prepare for a *real* emergency.

A screen grab of an emergency preparedness and response list for a zombie apocalypse on the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in an undated handout image. The health agency posted the primer on how to prepare for an invasion of the brain-eating undead as a way of making its annual hurricane season preparedness press release more interesting, and it acquired so much traffic the site had a server crash.

(The New York Times)

Tuesday, and then it crashed the server." They found more server space, and the hits kept coming in – along with expert advice, he said. For example: Never mind the food and the short-wave radio, but what about a baseball bat and a chainsaw? (You can't kill zombies by shooting them in their unbeating hearts – you have to go for the head.)

Khan said he was "gratified by the response – it's nice to see that people understand that public health includes preparedness."

He would "leave it to law enforcement" to give Americans advice on arming themselves. After all, zombies need care too. □

cane Season Again" press release a little sexier.

"One of the communicators mentioned that when we were tweeting about Japan and radiation releases, someone tweeted back asking us if it could set off a zombie attack," Daigle said.

He took the idea to the agency's director of preparedness, Dr. Ali S. Khan, a specialist in infectious disease and a rear admiral in the Public Health Service.

"Most other directors would have thrown me out," Daigle said. "He said, 'Let's form a Zombie Task Force.'"

The blog post went up on Monday. "A typical post gets 1,000 hits," Daigle said. "We got 10,000, then 30,000 on

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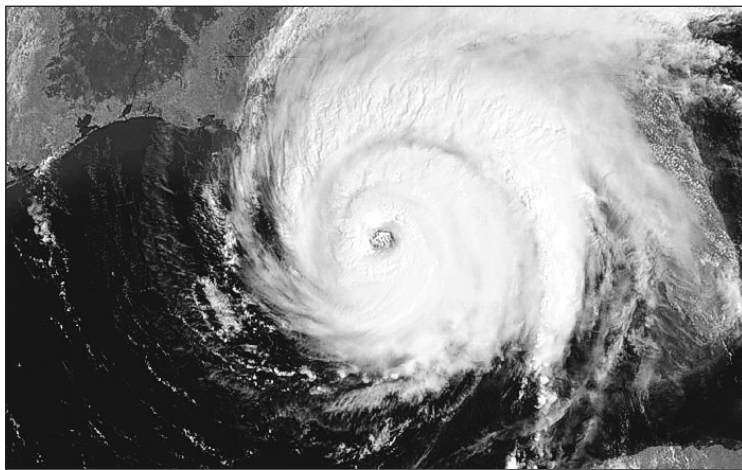
# US predicts 3 to 6 major Atlantic hurricanes

JENNIFER KAY,  
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP)—U.S. government forecasters announced Thursday they expect three to six major hurricanes from an above average Atlantic storm season.

No major hurricane has made a U.S. landfall in five years, but the forecasters warned U.S. coastal residents that odds are diminished that they can't expect a sixth straight year without a major landfall on either the Atlantic or Gulf coasts.

As many as 18 named tropical storms may develop during the six-month Atlantic hurricane season that begins June 1, according to forecasters at the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.



Six to 10 of those storms could strengthen into hurricanes with top winds of at least 74 mph (119 kph), the agency said. Three to six could become major hurricanes, with maximum winds of 111 mph (178 kph) and up.

Last year's hurricane season was one of the busiest on re-

cord with 19 named storms, including 12 hurricanes.

The 2011 season was not expected to be as extreme, partly because ocean temperatures were only two degrees warmer than normal, instead of four degrees warmer as they were last year, said NOAA administrator Jane Lubchenco. "We

still expect that to support an above average hurricane season," Lubchenco said. Also, a Pacific Ocean weather phenomenon known as "La Nina" was expected to dissipate early in the summer before the season's peak, typically from August to October, Lubchenco said.

La Nina is an unusual cooling of the Pacific waters near the equator. When its in effect, wind shear over the Caribbean Sea and tropical Atlantic decreases, meaning that tropical storms have a chance to develop and strengthen before being ripped apart.

Forecasters say La Nina helped make the 2010 season so active.

The opposite El Nino phenomenon, which warms Pacific

ic waters near the equator and increases wind shear over the Atlantic, helps suppress storm development.

Nevertheless, atmospheric and marine conditions indicating a high-activity era that began in 1995 continues and lingering La Nina impacts such as reduced wind shear are conducive to a busy storm season, said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center in Washington.

"We don't think La Nina will be a player for much of the season, but that's really secondary," Bell said.

"Conditions are already starting to be in place and we expect them to develop, and that's why we expect an active season to be likely." □

## Lawsuit alleges Iranian link to 9/11

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Two defectors from Iran's intelligence service have testified that Iranian officials had "foreknowledge of the 9/11 attacks," according to a court filing Thursday in a federal lawsuit in Manhattan that seeks damages for Iran's "direct support for, and sponsorship of, the most deadly act of terrorism in American history." One of the defectors also claimed that Iran was involved in designing the attacks, the filing said. The defectors' identities and testimony were not revealed in the filing but were being submitted to a judge under seal, said lawyers who brought the original suit against Iran on behalf of families of dozens of 9/11 victims. The suit's allegation that Iran had foreknowledge of the attacks is hard to assess fully, given that the defectors' testimony is being filed under seal. The suit contends that Iran and Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant organization with close ties to Tehran, helped al-Qaida in planning the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and in facilitating the hijackers' training and travel. After the attacks, the suit contends, Iran and Hezbollah helped al-Qaida operatives and their families to escape, in some cases providing them with a safe haven in Iran. The question of an Iranian connection to 9/11 was raised by the national 9/11 commission and has long been debated. Al-Qaida, which adheres to a radical Sunni theology, routinely denounces the Shiite sect that holds power in Iran, and the terrorist network's branch in Iraq has often made Shiites targets of bombings. But intelligence officials have long believed there has been limited, wary cooperation between al-Qaida and Iran against the United States as a common enemy. The lawsuit also names as defendants Iranian officials and ministries, as well as Hezbollah, al-Qaida and the Taliban, among others. The families' lawyers have asked for a default judgment against the defendants, which have not responded to the suit, or defended against it. Even if there were such a judgment, legal experts say it would not be easy to collect monetary damages. □



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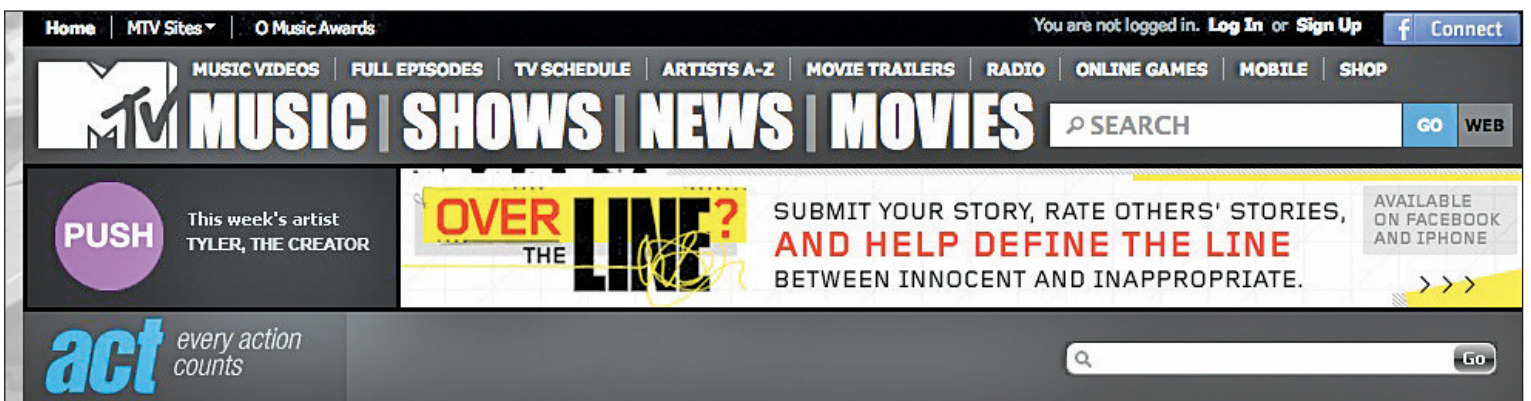
The two-night concert series has featured artists including Maze, Sean Paul, Chaka Khan, Wyclef Jean, India Arie, the Gap Band, Boyz II Men, Lauryn Hill, Nina Sky, Anthony Hamilton, Alicia Keys, Brian McKnight, Wayne Brady, Estelle, Jamie Fox, Etana, Robin Thicke, Common, Toni Braxton, Mary J. Blige, Joe Thomas and Raheem DeVaughn. Venue: Joe Laveist Sports Park.

Arnold continues to make strides in his career with the release of another self produced DVD "I've Never Heard of You Either!" David is setting the stage to make a bigger name for himself in this comedy game. His last comedy DVD, "The Next Level Comedy Series-Light Skin-Dark Skin" with fellow funny man Rodney Perry proved to be a success. Arnold also teamed up with seasoned writer Anthony Hill (Eve, Brothers, The Parenthood, Meet The Browns) and created a sitcom pilot series "Life With Dave" based off Arnold's internet VLOGs and his stand up.

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Adding new partnerships with Valero, Kiwanis Palm Beach and Maduro Travel

# Art Rules Aruba 2011 securing global recognition by MTV!



## ART RULES ARUBA TAKES TALENT TO THE TROPICS

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ORANJESTAD - With its 30 scholarships to hand out, new Partnerships with Valero, Kiwanis Palm Beach and Maduro Travel and recent coverage by MTV.com, it is fair to state that Art Rules Aruba 2011 is growing by the day and getting recognition around the world.

Presented by RBC/RBTT Bank, Art Rules Aruba 2011 is growing by the day in all areas with not only new partners getting on board and international press coverage, the amount of applications is said to have reached over 150, and is still counting.

With classes in Dance, Theatre, Rap & Poetry, DJ, Photography, Fashion Design, Film, Painting and the special 25 year independence mural project, the program is being acknowledged as a worthy cause for the youth, inspiring people everywhere to join in and support the initiative and the development of Aruba's up and

coming artists.

As both RBTT and Valero confirmed to donate scholarships, Art Rules Aruba is now also able to offer the program to kids that want to participate but may not have the means to do so. Stating that, the two major companies who share the philosophy that "the development, education and cultural expression for the youth is important for the island" are both giving kids with a passion for the Arts the opportunity to participate in Art Rules Aruba 2011 for free.

### How to apply for a scholarship?

Producers for the program, The Pancake Gallery Foundation and partners are encouraging anyone who wants to join the program to go online and simply apply on the website [www.artrulesaruba.com](http://www.artrulesaruba.com).

Students will be selected based on their motivation letter that has to be written

and send in with the application form. The motivation letter can be written in English, Papiamentu and Dutch and should also explain if and why the student is applying for a scholarship.

All scholarship that will be donated will cover the full program that includes:

The 1-week introduction and 2-week participation in the program, all class materials, bus transportation to the classes, beverages and snacks during the class and an Art Rules Aruba 2011 T-shirt.

Other partners for Art Rules Aruba 2011 are Aruba Bank, Europcar, BYD, Redsail Sports, Unoca, Triple A, Cultuur Participatie, Atelier 89, VNO, Playa Linda & La Cabana. For more information on the program, the partners or the scholarships visit the website at [www.artrulesaruba.com](http://www.artrulesaruba.com) or contact The Pancake Gallery Foundation at [info@pancakegallery.com](mailto:info@pancakegallery.com)

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## Roselyn Vrolijk is the Mother's Day winner



**EAGLE BEACH** -- Roselyn Vrolijk was amongst mothers celebrating their special day at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club. She attended the fantastic breakfast buffet on Mother's Day, entered the raffle and won a weekend stay at the resort. Pictured here is the happy winner and one of the resort's associates Jeanette Brooks, the efficient Food & Beverage

coordinator. Father's Day will also be celebrated in grand style at the resort and another weekend stay is expected to be raffled among guests that day, says Pierre Kock, Director of Food & Beverage Director, La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club. The elaborate breakfast buffet will include all American and Aruban favorites, as well as some surprises!!

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## The New Economy: Start a part-time business! The Benefits of Multiple Streams of Income A big shift in the western economy

**ORANJESTAD** - In the past years a big shift in the Western economy has started to happen. It is a shift away from the big companies back to the individual entrepreneur or the person who owns their own business. Why? Because the outsourcing of jobs to cheaper countries with incredibly low wages makes it for big companies more and more difficult to stay competitive. There is a limit in streamlining production to make it more efficient and faster or to sell cheaper by buying bigger quantities. This traditional retail model has brought forth the Walmarts and PriceSmarts in this world, and yet without exception all of these huge corporations cut away on the pension and health care plans for their employees in order to stay competitive.

As a consequence the usual advantages of being an employee have greatly diminished as usually the wages are very low too! It made many people look for new ways to make ends meet or to put some savings aside. Typically for our times, the motto is not to work harder, but to work smarter! And that is exactly how the idea of Multiple Income Streams got invented!

We all know that the worldwide economy is not very stable or secure anymore and there is no short-termed change for these economies in recession in sight. Many have to seriously consider losing their job in the months to come which is responsible for a shift in priorities. Yes, our living standards have grown to the point where we not only expect to make a living, but we also want the best possible experience living that life.

But the main reason to start a part-time business is to create more security in an unstable and unpredictable economy! That is why the home-based business, part-time or full-time, boomed so greatly during the past few years, to the point where every week over 175,000 new people in the United States alone started their own business!

The financial top billionaires say: start a part-time business. Let us look more closely what some of the most successful business entrepreneurs have to say. The financial wizards Robert Kiyosaki and Donald Trump, co-authors of *Why We Want You To Be Rich* tell people, "The No. 1 thing people can do to increase their wealth is to start a part-time business. They can start a small home-based business, an Internet company or network marketing business. The key is to start small and learn everything about the business." Perhaps best known for his financial education products, Robert Kiyosaki goes a step further and praises in his book *The Business School* the benefits of owning a network marketing business. He believes that these businesses are the wave of the future because they embody the new Information Age economy. But he also prefers the model of the network marketing business over other business possibilities for the fact that network marketing has very few barriers to enter. The major benefits are:

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Particularly existing entrepreneurs should take a good look at this new concept of creating multiple streams of income. True! Specialization has its benefits, but businesses which derive all of their profit from a single area are overall more susceptible to economic fluctuations and an easier target during harder economic times like we are facing today. One of the primary benefits of cultivating this type of business is cash flow. In the cyclical nature of business the cash flow of one revenue segment may hold steady while another dips or rises. This provides a continuity that is not very often present in a business that has one source of income.

So the question is really, what industry or sector should you choose that can realistically earn you some significant income? Paul Zane Pilzer is a world-renowned economist, multi-millionaire entrepreneur, college professor and famous author of five books. He says that the biggest new emerging industry is the Wellness industry! Created during the past 10 years, this new trend has nothing to do with sickness but is all about creating wellness for people who want to stay well.



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## San Nicolas's Hollywood Smokehouse Diner introduces smoked ribs



**SAN NICOLAS** – The island's only smokehouse, located in the heart of San Nicolas, recently opened and introduced the island to slow smoked southern barbecue classics like pulled pork and beef brisket, which have been eagerly embraced by locals, as well as tourists who stop in for lunch during outings to the sunrise side of the island.

This past weekend, the restaurant added spare ribs to the menu—slow smoked over hickory wood for several hours to ensure a rich flavor and tenderness.

The Hollywood Smokehouse Diner is owned by local Mike Bislick and his fiancé, Tina, who hails from North Carolina, bringing her family's southern tried-and-true family recipes to Aruba. The restaurant is located in a historic San Nicolas building, formerly known as Hollywood Hotel, which has been in Mike's family since 1941. □

## John & Christina Provera honored at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort



**ORANJESTAD** - Recently at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20

consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort they call their home away from home, John & Christina Provera were honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill after coming to Aruba for more then 36 years.

On picture ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also staff from the Marriott Ocean Club Resort. □



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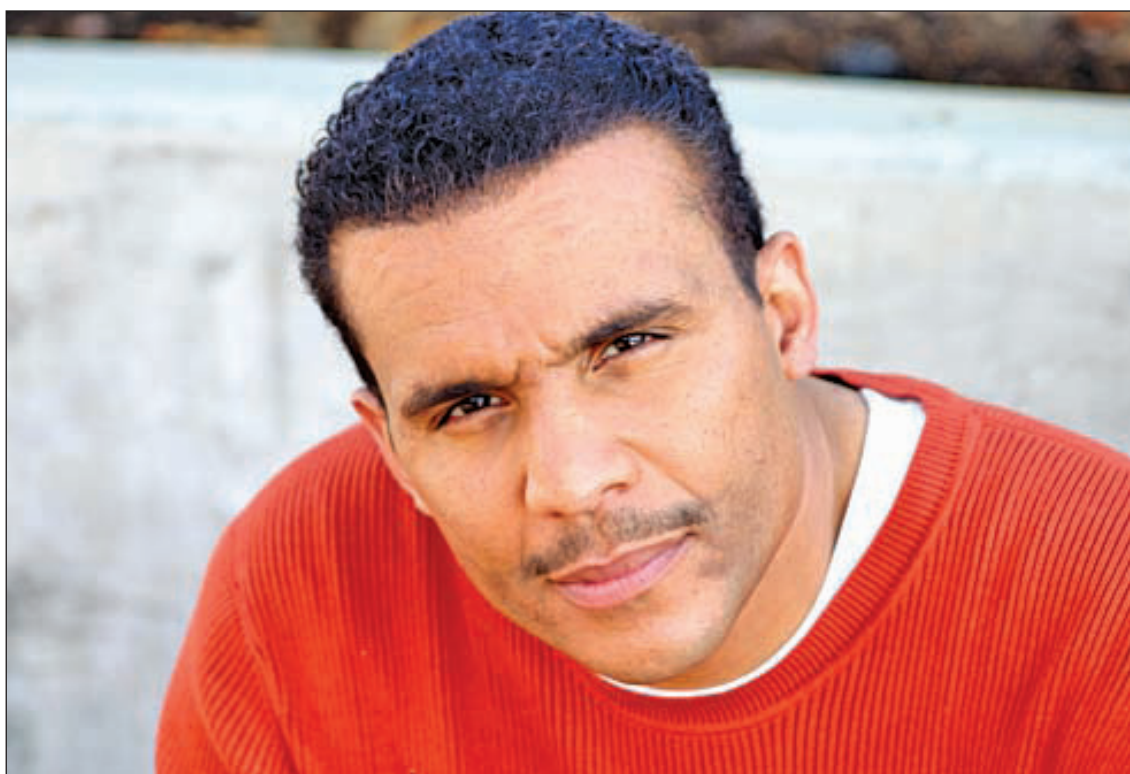


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David's gift to make people laugh can be traced back to his very first recorded performance on his comedy CD "Cause I Gotta go to Work in the Morning", which was released under Uproar Entertainment records and is available in all major music outlets across the country. Arnold delivers fresh, edgy humor that keeps you smiling again and again. His unique opinions on life, love and family is enough to bring a breath of fresh air to any stage.

Arnold also found a voice on You Tube and Face book with his popular VLOGs. Making the phrases "Credits Bitches and Get Yo Sh\*t Together" familiar among the strong internet following he's created. David is also developing a web series "Nurse Dave" based around his former life as a male nurse with a dynamite comedy team Working Bug media.

Arnold recently joined the writing staff of Tyler Perry's House of Payne and Meet the Browns. He also hosted the first season of TV One's "Black Men Revealed" where David uses his sense of humor to bring real issues to the table between our black men and women. David added Writer/Director to his list of accomplishments by releasing a series of his short films "Because My Stand Up is not Enough!", "Til' Death Do Us Part?", and "The Garage Sale", proving that Arnold's eye for comedy runs deeper than just live performances. All David's films have been screened in film festivals, including the Hollywood Black film Festival, the Pan African Film Festival, Boston Film festival and Santa Barbara Film Festival. Arnold has spring boarded himself into an entirely different category and is now in development with two feature films to be produced by his production company Manor House Entertainment. David has performed at the



Montreal "Just for Laughs" Comedy Festival, a segment entitled "The Masters" as well as an appearances on Comedy Central's Laffapalooza with Jamie Foxx and Cedric the Entertainer, The Tom Joyner Show, Baisden After Dark, Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen, BET's ComicView, and HBO's Entourage and

Def Comedy Jam. Soon David will be joining the elite group of comics that have appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Often compared to such star power as Richard Pryor, George Carlin and Bill Cosby, Arnold is nothing less than a comedic genius. World-class motivational speaker Tony Robbins commented that Ar-

nold "brings new meaning to the phrase 'laughter is the best medicine.'" Based out of Los Angeles, Arnold can be seen performing at the Laugh, the Comedy Union, the Comedy Store, the Improv and the Ice House. David A. Arnold is guaranteed a chair at the table of comedy success. □



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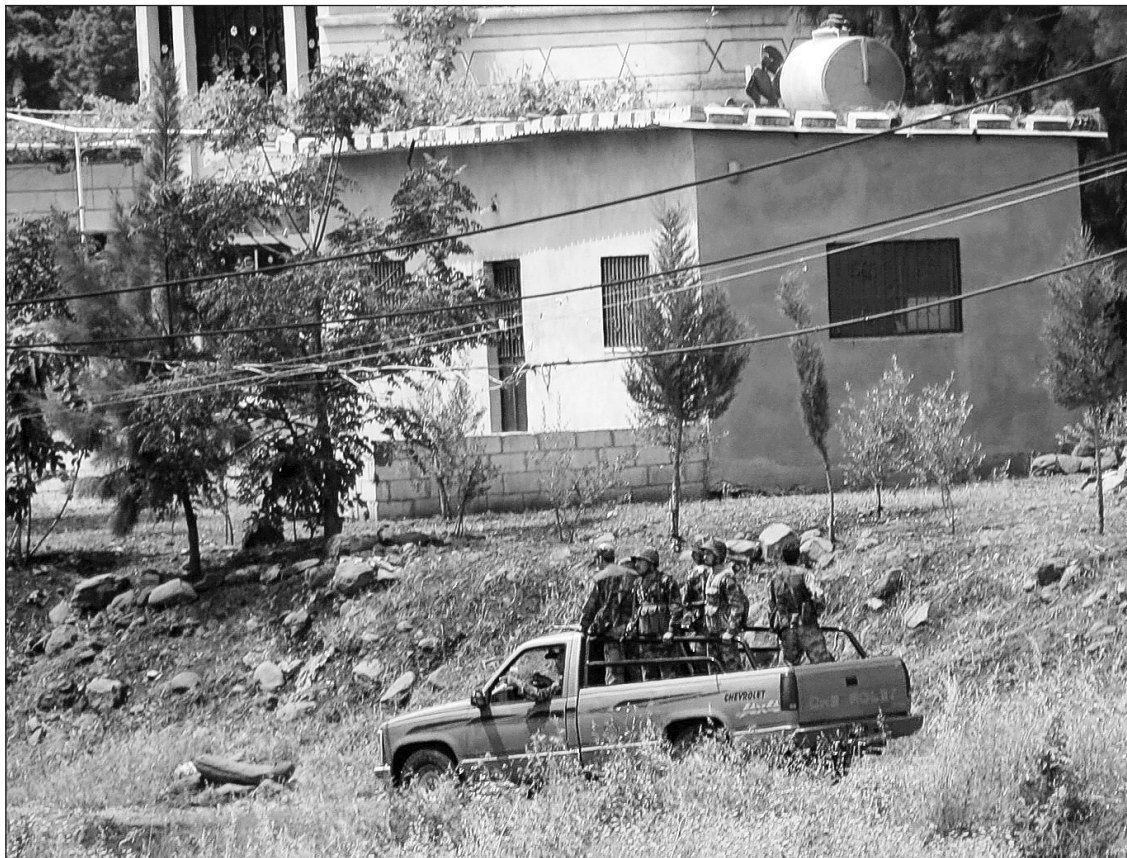
# Syria condemns U.S. sanctions on Assad

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**BEIRUT, Lebanon** — The Syrian government condemned on Thursday U.S. sanctions against President Bashar Assad and six of his top officials over the ferocious crackdown on antigovernment protesters that human rights activists say has killed at least 850 people. The Syrian state news agency said that the sanctions were “one in a series of sanctions imposed by the U.S. administration against the Syrian people as part of the U.S. regional policies serving Israel.” The report added that the move “would not affect Syria’s independent choices and steadfastness.”

**The U.S. imposition of sanctions on Wednesday represented an escalation of pressure on Assad’s government, which has detained thousands and deployed the army in at least four towns and cities across the country to crush dissent.**

Syria’s response came hours before President Barack Obama delivered a much-anticipated speech on the Middle East during which he warned Assad that Syria would face increasing isolation if he did not address his people’s calls for a transition



Syrian army soldiers stand on their vehicle as they reinforce the village of Arida near Talkalakh opposite the Lebanon-Syria border, in Wadi Khaled, north Lebanon, on Thursday May 19, 2011. The Syrian army shelled the town of Talkalakh on Wednesday night and early Thursday, which sparked gunbattles and brought the death toll from a five-day military siege to at least 34, according to human rights activists. The latest violence came hours after the US imposed sanctions on President Bashar Assad and six senior aides for the country’s brutal crackdown that has killed more than 850 people since a popular uprising began in March.

(AP Photo)

to democracy. Obama, however, did not explicitly call for Assad’s removal.

The condemnation came as Syrian Army troops shelled Tall Kalakh, a town adjacent to the Lebanese border, killing at least eight people and bringing the death toll since the assault on the town began last Saturday to 34, according

to activists.

“We heard gunfire early this morning coming from the Syrian side of the border,” a resident in Wadi Khaled, a Lebanese border area, said by phone.

“Residents who fled Syria today said that all houses of those who fled in the past four days have been destroyed.”

## At least 35 killed in attack on Afghan road crew

RAY RIVERA & SANGAR RAHIMI

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Insurgents ambushed an Afghan construction crew working on a road project in southeastern Afghanistan early Thursday morning, leaving at least 35 dead security guards, laborers and engineers scattered along the mountainous terrain. Security guards tried to fight off the attackers in a gunfight that lasted two hours in a remote part of Paktia province, local officials said. Of the 80 workers and guards at the construction camp, only eight are known to have escaped unharmed. Twenty were wounded, and 17 are missing, the officials said.

The attack began around 2 a.m., about 30 miles east of the provincial capital, Gardez, in an area under the sway of the Haqqani network, a brutal offshoot of the Taliban.

The group, based across the border in Pakistan’s tribal areas, has been responsible for attacks throughout eastern Afghanistan. In an email

to reporters, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack without directly implicating the Haqqani network.

An Afghan construction company, Glasco Sky, had the contract for the 27-mile project, which had been under way for about a year and a half, said Ruhullah Samon, a spokesman for the Paktia governor’s office. It was not known how many insurgents carried out the attack, but eight were killed by guards, Samon said.

“It was a tragic incident,” he said. “It was really an unprecedented attack on road construction crew members.”

Road crews largely financed by U.S. and international aid have long been targets for insurgents hoping to disrupt projects that are signs of government progress in the country. The crew attacked Thursday was working on a road not far from the Gardez-Khost Highway, a 64-mile project that has been one of the most troubled and costly transportation projects in Afghanistan. □

A resident of Tall Kalakh who wished to remain anonymous for fear of reprisal said that people there found 14 charred bodies that could not be identified in a field. A video posted online, said to be from the town, showed people wrapping heavily burned bodies in plastic bags.

Tall Kalakh is a town of 70,000 people and known for smuggling, where most residents are armed. Witnesses who fled to Lebanon reported gun battles between the Syrian Army and armed residents. Syria has prevented most foreign media from entering the country and there was no way to independently confirm witnesses’ reports.

The U.S. sanctions came a day after Assad said that the unrest that has been roiling his country had come to an end. Protesters and opposition figures, however, dismissed the remarks, saying that protests would not end until they realize their demands. □

## Yemeni leader, Saleh, refuses transfer deal

ROBERT F. WORTH

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**WASHINGTON** — A renewed effort to resolve Yemen’s political crisis collapsed Wednesday after the Yemeni president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, again backed away from signing an agreement to transfer power, prompting Yemeni officials and analysts to warn that the stalemate could descend into factional violence.

For weeks, Saleh and Yemen’s opposition alliance have haggled over the deal brokered by the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council that would end his 33-year rule in exchange for immunity from prosecution for him and his family. On Wednesday, there were reports that Saleh, after more than three months of protests calling for his ouster, was ready to sign. John O. Brennan, President Barack Obama’s senior counterterrorism adviser, called Saleh on Wednesday morning and urged him to sign the deal, a White House statement said.

But Saleh refused, saying three of the five people whose names were put forward by the opposition to sign the document were lower-level figures who could not be held accountable, according to a Yemeni official.

The Gulf Cooperation Council’s representative left Yemen on Wednesday, according to Yemeni news reports. That led many Yemenis to speculate that the bloc was losing hope.

“This basically closes the door for a peaceful transfer of power, unless something really unexpected takes place in the next couple of days,” said Abdul Ghani al-Iryani, a political analyst in Sana, the Yemeni capital. □



# Gadhafi forces rocket rebel fighters in mountains

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
**SARAH EL DEEB**

**Associated Press**

**BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)** — Moammar Gadhafi's forces rocketed rebel fighters Thursday in the formidable strongholds and training camps they have built up in the strategic mountain heights southwest of the Libyan capital, rebels said. The two sides appeared to be fighting for control of the two highways to the north and south of the Nafusa mountain range, which slices across the desert south of Tripoli to the western border with Tunisia. Rebels, in particular, have used the road, bringing in supplies for camps to train fighters for what they hope will be a future push on the capital.

NATO airstrikes resumed in Tripoli late Thurs-

day. At least one appeared to hit a warship docked in the port, where flames and smoke could be seen rising from the vessel.

The shuddering airstrike could be heard as Libyan government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim spoke to reporters at a late-night news conference. He said that in a meeting Tuesday with Russian leaders, an envoy offered to withdraw Libyan fighters from cities if rebels do the same, as part of a peace deal. "We are even prepared to go as far as withdrawing our army from all Libyan cities and population centers," he said. "This is a new offer." Ibrahim said the offer was the furthest the government had gone since fighting broke out against the rebels. He said as part of the deal, NATO would also have to halt its strikes of Libyan targets.



Smoke rises from a ship that was hit in an airstrike, at Tripoli sea port, Libya, early Friday, May 20, 2011.

(AP Photo/Darko Bandic)

## Multiple blasts rock city in northeast Nigeria

**NJADVARA MUSA,**  
**Associated Press**

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)** — Multiple blasts have rocked a city in Nigeria's restive northeast where a radical Muslim sect is accused of a rash of targeted killings, authorities said. A spokesman for Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency said that the three blasts appear to have targeted police and military property between Wednesday night and Thursday morning in the city of Maiduguri in Borno state. Yushau Shuaib said the agency was mobilizing response workers to come to the aid of people in three areas of the city. He said people were injured, but he did not say how many or if anyone had died.

"The children were crying and we did not know where to go," said Ibrahim Idrissa whose home was shaken by a blast that destroyed a patrol

vehicle on Lagos Street at about 7 a.m.

The police were not immediately available for comment but had blamed a radical sect locally known as Boko Haram for another blast last Saturday that killed two bystanders at a Maiduguri bus stop. Boko Haram members have targeted police and clerics in a string of killings over the last year. They have also attacked churches and engineered a massive prison break. Routine attacks mean that residents are subjected to searches at dozens of checkpoints. Motorcycle riders and car drivers have to come out of their vehicles, along with their passengers, and walk with their arms raised to prove weapons aren't hidden in their clothing several times a day.

But, the situation is deteriorating despite strict measures taken by security forces to stop the killings.

## African National Congress leading in South African vote

**BARRY BEARAK**

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**JOHANNESBURG** — As votes were being counted Thursday in South Africa's local elections, the governing African National Congress was once again steamrolling to victory, although not quite at its customary pace.

With 90 percent of votes in, the ANC was ahead with 64 percent, down slightly from the 66 percent it won in the 2006 local elections, according to the South African Press Association. And the party in second place, the Democratic Alliance, had raised its tally to 22 percent from 15 percent.

Some commentators were calling the results a breakthrough for the DA, which many black South Africans consider a white people's party. "The DA has cracked, if not broken, the white ceiling," a political analyst, Allister Sparks, said on eNews, the South African all-news television channel.

Ballots were still being counted in many of the nation's 278 municipalities, and official results will not be announced until Friday or Saturday. But both leading parties had reasons to cheer — and lament.

The Democratic Alliance not only solidified its position as the leading opposition party, but it also fortified its hold in Western Cape province, where it handily won Cape Town and added several other municipalities to its control. Helen Zille, the DA's leader, is the premier of the Western Cape, the only one of South Africa's nine provinces without a black majority.

In the run up to Wednesday's vote, Zille tried to expand the party's reach, campaigning in black townships considered to be ANC strongholds. □

## UN Watch: 3 countries unqualified for council

**ANITA SNOW,**  
**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Only 10 of 17 candidates to the U.N. Human Rights Council are fully qualified, a United Nations watchdog group said Thursday.

U.N. Watch said that Nicaragua, Congo and Kuwait have poor rights records, making them unqualified to sit on the U.N.'s top human rights body. It encouraged the world's nations not to include any of those three when it selects 15 new members for the 47-seat council on Friday.

"Unfortunately some of the worst violators of human rights get elected" to the body, UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer said at the group's annual luncheon at U.N. headquarters on the eve of the vote.

The Geneva-based advocacy group assessed the qualifications of the countries using information and analysis from international reports by nongovernmental groups including Reporters Without Borders and Freedom House. It said candidates Burkina Faso, India, Indonesia, Philippines have questionable qualifications for council membership.

It deemed the following candidates qualified: Austria, Benin, Botswana, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy, Peru, and Romania. The 192-member General Assembly will vote Friday on the latest slate of rotating council candidates. Kuwait announced Wednesday it will replace Syria as a proposed council member amid widespread opposition to Syria's candidacy amid the ongoing crackdown by President Bashar Assad's security forces. "Kuwait is far better than Syria, but it is not the best replacement," Neuer said. □



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## Israel gives icy greeting to Obama's call for '67 boundaries

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**JERUSALEM** — President Barack Obama's endorsement Thursday of using the 1967 boundaries as the baseline for a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute — the first by a U.S. president — prompted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to push back testily and the Palestinian leadership to call an urgent meeting.

Netanyahu said in a pointed statement just before boarding a plane to Washington that while he appreciated Obama's commitment to peace, he "expects to hear a reaffirmation from President Obama of American commitments made to Israel in 2004 which were overwhelmingly supported by both Houses of Congress." Those commitments came in a letter from President George W. Bush which stated, among other things, that "it is unrealistic to expect that the out-



West Bank city of Ramallah, Thursday, May 19, 2011. Trying to advance debate in the explosive Middle East, President Barack Obama on Thursday endorsed a key Palestinian demand for the borders of its future state and prodded Israel to accept that it can never have a truly peaceful nation that is based on "permanent occupation." Obama's urging that a Palestinian state be based on 1967 borders - those that existed before the Six Day War in which Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza - was a significant shift in U.S. policy and seemed certain to anger Israel.

(AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

come of final status negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949," another way of describing the 1967 boundaries.

Netanyahu, who is to meet with Obama at the White House on Friday in what seems likely now to be a tense encounter, added that the commitments "relate to Israel not having to withdraw to the 1967 lines, which are both indefensible and which would leave major Israeli population centers in Judea and Samaria beyond those lines," a reference to large Israeli settlement blocs in the West Bank. Netanyahu said in Parliament on Monday that Israel needed to hold on to the large settlement blocs in any future two-state solution with the Palestinians.

Obama's new position does not appear to rule out Israel's retaining settlements. □

## China gives Pakistan 50 fighter jets

JANE PERLEZ

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**ISLAMABAD** — China has agreed to immediately provide 50 JF-17 fighter jets to Pakistan, a major outcome of a visit by Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani to Beijing this week, Pakistani officials said Thursday.

China and Pakistan have jointly produced the JF-17 aircraft, but the new planes would be equipped with more sophisticated avionics, the officials said. The latest jet fighters would be paid for by China, they said.

The announcement came as Pakistan's already tense relations with the United States soured further after the killing of Osama bin Laden inside Pakistan on May 2.

Last week, Pakistan's spy chief denounced the United States in a rare briefing before Parliament in which he condemned the U.S. raid for

breaching Pakistan's sovereignty. Parliament, in turn, called for the government to revisit U.S. relations. Gilani's visit to Beijing served as a pointed reminder of Pakistani suggestions that the government might seek to recalibrate U.S. relations, using China to offset what many here view as an overdependence on Washington. The United States has provided Pakistan with some \$20 billion in aid, mostly military, for its cooperation in fighting terrorism since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Much of that aid has come in the form of reimbursements for Pakistani counterterrorism operations.

Both the aid and the effectiveness of Pakistan's cooperation have been called into question by the discovery that bin Laden had lived for years in a large compound adjacent to a top military academy in Abbottabad, a two-hour drive from the capital, Islamabad. □

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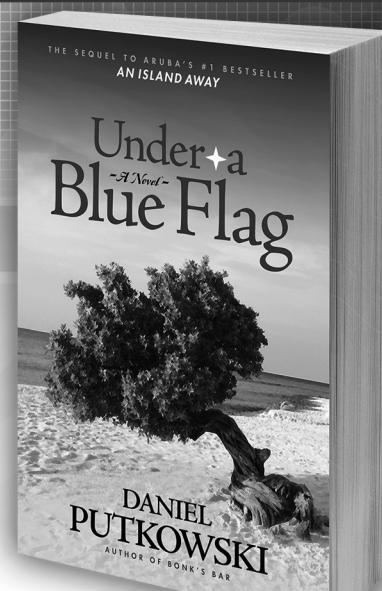


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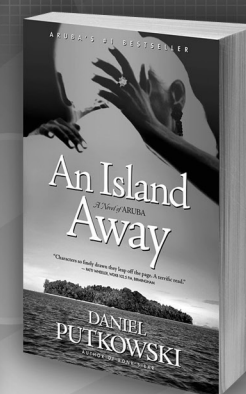
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## World Briefs

### Guyana detains US Muslim cleric

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)** — Akbar Muhammad, a U.S. Muslim cleric visiting this South American country, was detained Thursday on suspicion of ties to drugs and terrorism, Guyana police said. Officers raided the Princess Hotel in the capital of Georgetown and took Muhammad to the department's headquarters for questioning, said Seelal Persaud, assistant police commissioner. "Based on the information we have, he is involved in drugs

and terrorism," Persaud told The Associated Press. He declined further comment and no further details were immediately available. Muhammad has been a spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, with whom he has worked since the 1960s. Messages left with the Illinois-based Nation of Islam National Center and with the Truth Establishment Institute, which handles speaking engagements for Muhammad, were not returned. □

### American pleads guilty to murder in Peru

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — A U.S. citizen has pleaded guilty in Peru to killing his Peruvian wife and dumping her body at sea inside a suitcase. Prosecutors are seeking a 35-year prison sentence for William Trickett Smith II. The Pennsylvania man was extradited to Peru last year to face charges that he killed his Peruvian wife,

Claudia Gomez, in 2007 at a hotel in Lima. Her body was found in a large suitcase that washed up on a Pacific Ocean beach. A Lima court said in statement that Trickett entered his guilty plea Thursday. Prosecutors are also seeking a 15-year prison sentence for a woman who is charged as an accomplice in the murder. □

### Earthquake hits western Turkey; 2 dead

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — A 5.9-magnitude earthquake rocked western Turkey on Thursday, shattering windows, damaging old buildings in one town and killing two people, authorities said. The Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory said the quake in Kutahya province occurred at 23:15 p.m. (2015 GMT) and was centered in the town of Simav. Gov. Kenan Ciftci of Kutahya province told TV24 that one person died in Simav after jumping out of window in panic. Ciftci, however, said there was no reports of serious

damage. An elderly woman also died of an heart attack in another town, NTV television said. About two-dozen people have been injured, mostly suffering from injuries from broken glass or jumping off of balconies, according to TV news reports. The quake was followed by about 50 aftershocks, the strongest with a preliminary magnitude of 4.6 shook Kutahya, said Mustafa Erdik, head of the Kandilli Observatory. He warned of more aftershocks in the coming days. □

# Chinese student on offense in defense of internet freedom

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**BEIJING** — Authorities are seeking a college student who sneaked into a lecture hall at one of China's most prestigious universities Thursday and tossed eggs and shoes at a computer scientist both lionized and reviled as the architect of China's strict Internet controls.

According to Twitter postings from a man claiming responsibility for the attack, the eggs missed, but at least one shoe hit its intended target: Fang Binxing, popularly described as "the father of the Great Firewall," who was giving a talk on Internet security. The student, known for the moment only by his Twitter handle, (AT)hanunyi, appar-

ently fled the scene in bare feet.

Although there has been no official acknowledgment of the incident, The Associated Press quoted a local police official as saying the case was under investigation.

The attack and its messy aftermath were described through postings by (AT)hanunyi, as well as by several other students who said they saw the assault, which took place at Wuhan University in central Hubei province.

At least three other people, urged on by a Twitter posting announcing Fang's lecture at the department of computer science, had planned to join the protest but chickened out at the last moment.

"We saw our professor and

graduate supervisor there and immediately lost courage," one of them wrote on Twitter. With his talk interrupted and the classroom in chaos, Fang appeared to have cut short his lecture and left for the airport. In the hours that followed, a firestorm of approving sentiment ricocheted across the Chinese Internet — much of which was promptly deleted by censors.

Postings hailed (AT)hanunyi — a student at Huazhong University of Science and Technology — as a hero and promised all manner of recompense, from iPads and designer shoes to carnal rewards offered by admiring women of the sort that China's Internet guardians would likely deem harmful to the nation's morality. □

# Detained journalist reunites with family in Canada

**TORONTO (AP)** — Dorothy Parvaz, the Al-Jazeera journalist detained in Syria and later Iran, was reunited with her family in Canada Thursday, two days after her release.

Parvaz was greeted with warm hugs from relatives as she arrived at Vancouver International Airport in British Columbia.

"Happy to be back and I'm anxious to be with my family," she said as reporters crowded around her.

Parvaz, 39, disappeared af-

ter arriving in Syria on April 29 to cover anti-government protests. Syria said she was deported to Iran, an important ally, shortly after her arrival. In Syria and Iran she was held incommunicado until her release Tuesday. The first time her family heard from her since she left Qatar was on Tuesday night, when she called them from Doha, Qatar, where Al-Jazeera is headquartered, to tell them she had been released.

Parvaz, who was born in Iran and also has U.S. and Cana-

dian citizenship, had used her Iranian passport to enter Syria because she couldn't enter with either of the others.

Parvaz wrote an account of her captivity for Al-Jazeera's website posted Wednesday, explaining that she had been taken to a Syrian detention center because she was carrying a satellite phone when she arrived at the airport in Damascus. "Still, if that was deemed suspicious, then my American passport, complete with its Al-Jazeera sponsored visa, sealed the deal. □



# Getting smart on aid



NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

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One cost of the uproar over Greg Mortenson, and the allegations that he fictionalized his school-building story in the best-selling book “Three Cups of Tea,” is likely to be cynicism about whether aid makes a difference.

But there are also deeper questions about how best to make an impact – even about how to do something as simple as get more kids in school. Mortenson and a number of other education organizations mostly build schools. That seems pretty straightforward. If we want to get more kids in school around the world, what could make more sense than building schools?

How about deworming kids? But, first, a digression: a paean to economists.

When I was in college, I majored in political science. But if I were going through college today, I’d major in economics. It possesses a rigor that other fields in the social sciences don’t – and often greater relevance as well. That’s why economists are shaping national debates about everything from health care to poverty, while political scientists often seem increasingly theoretical and irrelevant.

Economists are successful imperialists of other disciplines because they have better tools. Educators know far more about schools, but economists have used rigorous statistical methods to answer basic questions: Does having a graduate degree make one a better teacher? (Probably not.) Is money better spent on smaller classes or on better teachers? (Probably better teachers.)

And, yes, I’m getting to deworming. Hold your horses! Now we reach a central ques-

tion for our age: How can we most effectively break cycles of poverty? For decades, we had answers that were mostly anecdotal or hot air. But, increasingly, we are now seeing economists provide answers that are rigorously field-tested, akin to the way drugs are tested in randomized controlled trials, yielding results that are particularly credible and persuasive.

Professor Michael Kremer, a Harvard economist, helped pioneer randomized trials in antipoverty work. In the 1990s, Kremer began studying how to improve education in Africa, trying different approaches in randomly selected batches of schools.

One intervention he tried was deworming kids – and bingo! In much of the developing world, most kids have intestinal worms, leaving them sick, anemic and more likely to miss school. Deworming is very cheap (a pill costing a few pennies) and, in the experiment he did with Edward Miguel, it resulted in 25 percent less absenteeism. Even years later, the kids who had been randomly chosen to be dewormed were earning more money than other kids.

Kremer estimates that the cost of keeping a kid in school for an additional year by building schools or by subsidizing school uniforms is more than \$100, while by deworming kids, the cost drops to \$3.50. (In a pinch, kids can usually go to “school” in a church or mosque without a uniform.) Look, school buildings are important, too. My wife and I built a school in Cambodia, and whether it’s our school or one of Greg Mortenson’s, they can make a big difference.

My point is that for years people have been arguing until they were blue in the face about how to help people – and, finally, we’re getting some reliable data suggesting how to do that.

Another example: What’s the most cost-effective way to prevent HIV transmission in Africa? Most liberals focus on condoms, and conservatives on abstinence-only programs. □



## The year of living adulterously



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What is it with Republicans lately?

Nobody wants to run for the presidential nomination. Mike Huckabee said God told him to stay on Fox News. NBC told Donald Trump to stay on “Celebrity Apprentice.” Whatever happened to putting your country first? Our forefathers would never have passed up the presidency for anything less than the Charlie Sheen role on “Two and a Half Men.”

The Republicans are terrified that they’ll wind up with Mitt Romney, who has been fundraising like crazy and seems to be planning a campaign based on the slogan: “Money can’t buy love, but it can definitely purchase a grudging, defeatist acceptance.”

Some party leaders are looking hopefully at Mitch Dan-

iels, the governor of Indiana, who’s promised to make up his mind this month. If he runs, one thing you are not going to get from Daniels is the politics of joy. Have you ever seen “Game of Thrones” on HBO? It’s about a mythical kingdom that sends some of its young men to the remote tundra to live in perpetual celibacy and guard a 700-foot-tall wall of ice. Their reaction is very similar to the way Daniels looks when he talks about running for president.

Daniels is apparently worried that a presidential run might prove embarrassing to his wife, who ditched him and the kids and ran off to California to marry a doctor and then later recanted everything and came back. I think it is pretty safe to say that this topic might come up.

Which brings us to sex. What is it with Republicans lately? Is there something about being a leader of the family-values party that makes you want to go out and commit adultery? They certainly don’t have a lock on the infidelity market, and heaven knows we all remember John Edwards. But, lately, the GOP has shown a genius for putting a peculiar, newsworthy spin on illicit sex.

A married congressman hunting for babes is bad. A married congressman hunting for babes by posting a half-naked photo of himself on the Internet is Republican.

A married governor who fathers an illegitimate child is awful. A married governor who fathers an illegitimate child by a staff member of the family home and then fails to mention it to his wife for more than 10 years is Republican.

A married senator who has an affair with an employee is a jerk. A married senator who has an affair with an employee who is the wife of his chief of staff, and whose adultery is the subject of ongoing discussion at his congressional prayer group, is Republican. We haven’t even gotten to Newt Gingrich yet!

Gingrich is the best-known of the second-string Republicans who are ready, willing and eager to take on Romney for the nomination. The question is whether social conservatives will resent the fact that he was having an adulterous relationship with his current wife while she was a House of Representatives staffer and he was trying to impeach Bill Clinton for the Monica Lewinsky affair. □



# J. Lo: the sequel

Nicole La Porte

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She arrived like a modern-day Cleopatra, smiling and waving down at her adoring masses from the top deck of a trolley, her blown-out tresses fluttering in the wind. “Lauren Bacall said, ‘It’s all about exits and entrances,’” clucked Jennifer Lopez’s publicist as the star – Saran-wrapped in a sparkly gold jumpsuit – descended the trolley stairs and tottered atop perilously high heels toward a makeshift red carpet set up at the Grove, an outdoor mall in Los Angeles, where she was taping a segment for “Extra.”

Amid shrieks and iPhone flashes, Lopez climbed up on-stage and talked about her new

the new fashion lines that she and her husband, Marc Anthony, are designing for Kohl’s. Then she would return to L.A. for a flurry of events promoting “Love?” and her twice-a-week gig as a judge on the popular TV show “American Idol.”

Until recently, Lopez’s career trajectory was mirrored by the infamous tumble she took while performing her recession-insensitive ode to \$900 shoes, “Louboutins,” at the 2009 American Music Awards. She and Sony, her longtime record company, split up after several lackluster albums. Her film “The Back-Up Plan” missed the mark.

But with “Idol,” which has 25 million viewers, Lopez, 41



**Entertainer Jennifer Lopez backstage before taping a recent segment of “Ellen.” With her appearances on “American Idol,” which has 25 million viewers, Lopez has re-entered the public consciousness.**  
(Stephanie Diani/The New York Times)

for being a “nice,” constructive judge who, at this point, has shed more tears than any

Beautiful Woman. “Before, there was a huge distance with the American public.”

Lopez, however, bats away the idea that there has been a makeover.

“The person everyone’s getting to know on ‘Idol’ now is always the person I’ve been,” she said one recent evening, after a taping.

She’d changed out of the Nina Ricci dress she’d worn on the show and was stretched out on a sofa in her trailer, swaddled in cream-colored cashmere.

The only concession to flash: a pair of studded, yes, Louboutins. “I just think I went away for a while, and I’m being reintroduced to the public,” she went on. “And people who knew me from before are like: ‘Oh my God! I remember her!’ And then people who didn’t know me at all are just getting to know me for the first time. So I think it just feels brand new. It feels brand new to me, too, by the way. You know, this feels like my first album felt. It has that type of energy.”

Well, maybe a little less energy. Now the mother of 3-year-old twins (she said that she has no nanny and that family members take turns baby-sitting), Lopez insisted that she does not go as “full throttle” as she used to.

“I know how to say ‘no’ now,” she said. “I say: ‘I’m tired. I can’t do this. I’m not doing that tomorrow.’ I have kids now, so my life is not com-

pletely my own.

They come first.” In an ad campaign for Gucci’s new children’s collection, she is featured playing with her kids on the beach – a stark contrast from the severe S&M-ish shots she did for Louis Vuitton in 2003. Still, J. Lo is not exactly Donna Reed.

“This is the woman who lays out three outfits for her kids and her husband every day before she leaves,” said Lopez’s manager, Benny Medina.

“Every day! She may not be there for breakfast, but by the time she leaves, they all have three different outfits.”

Last spring, when Lopez was first asked to be a part of “Idol’s” post-Simon Cowell reboot, she initially dismissed the idea. Then she realized the schedule would keep her close to her family.

“I love artists, working with them and collaborating with them, and this seemed like the ultimate way to do that,” she said. “And it has turned out to be that, even more than I expected.”

Although early chatter this season was focused on Tyler, the former Aerosmith frontman and another newcomer to the judging panel, these days it’s all about J. Lo – including, most importantly, what is she wearing?

At a recent taping “Idol” taping, during one commercial break, a chorus of young girls shouted out from the top of the bleachers: “J LO, WE LOVE YOUR SHOES!” □



**Entertainer Jennifer Lopez signs autographs at a Los Angeles mall. With her appearances on “American Idol,” which has 25 million viewers, Lopez has re-entered the public consciousness.**  
(Stephanie Diani/The New York Times)

album, “Love?” (Island Def Jam); about being a spokeswoman for L’Oreal; and about how to dress in her style for less.

“It doesn’t have to be expensive,” she said brightly, as models sashayed across the stage in Lopez-inspired outfits culled from the racks of Macy’s.

Meet the new, user-friendly J. Lo, who is back to doing it all, only without the imperious attitude that helped propel her to fame. In a few days she would fly to New York to introduce

and a former Fly Girl, has not only re-entered the public consciousness, but also modified the goddesslike persona that had become a liability. Whatever her protestations that she was Jenny From the Block, as her fame escalated in the early 2000s, Lopez became known as a demanding diva, thanks in part to a music video in which she cavorted shamelessly, and half-nude, on a yacht with Ben Affleck, her boyfriend at the time (the couple ended their engagement in 2004).

Today, Lopez is being praised

of the contestants.

(When she said goodbye to Chris Medina, a young barista whose fiancée suffered a brain-damaging car accident just before he auditioned for “Idol,” Lopez was so distraught that she had to be consoled by fellow judges Randy Jackson and Steven Tyler.) “Right now, Jennifer is a celebrity of the people, and it’s a strategy that is really, really working for her,” said Peter Castro, deputy managing editor of People, which recently named Lopez The World’s Most



# Lebron leads Heat past Bulls in Game 2

Miami Heat forward LeBron James wipes his face during the first quarter of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the Chicago Bulls, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Chicago.

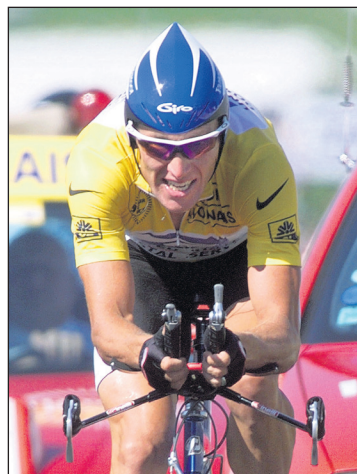
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### Ex-teammate says Lance Armstrong injected EPO



In this July 24, 1999 file photo, overall leader Lance Armstrong of the U.S. strains on his way to winning the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a 57-kilometer individual time trial around the Futuroscope theme park near Poitiers, western France.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A former teammate of Lance Armstrong has told the “60 Minutes” television program that he used performance-enhancing drugs with the seven-time Tour de France winner to cheat in cycling races, including the Tour.

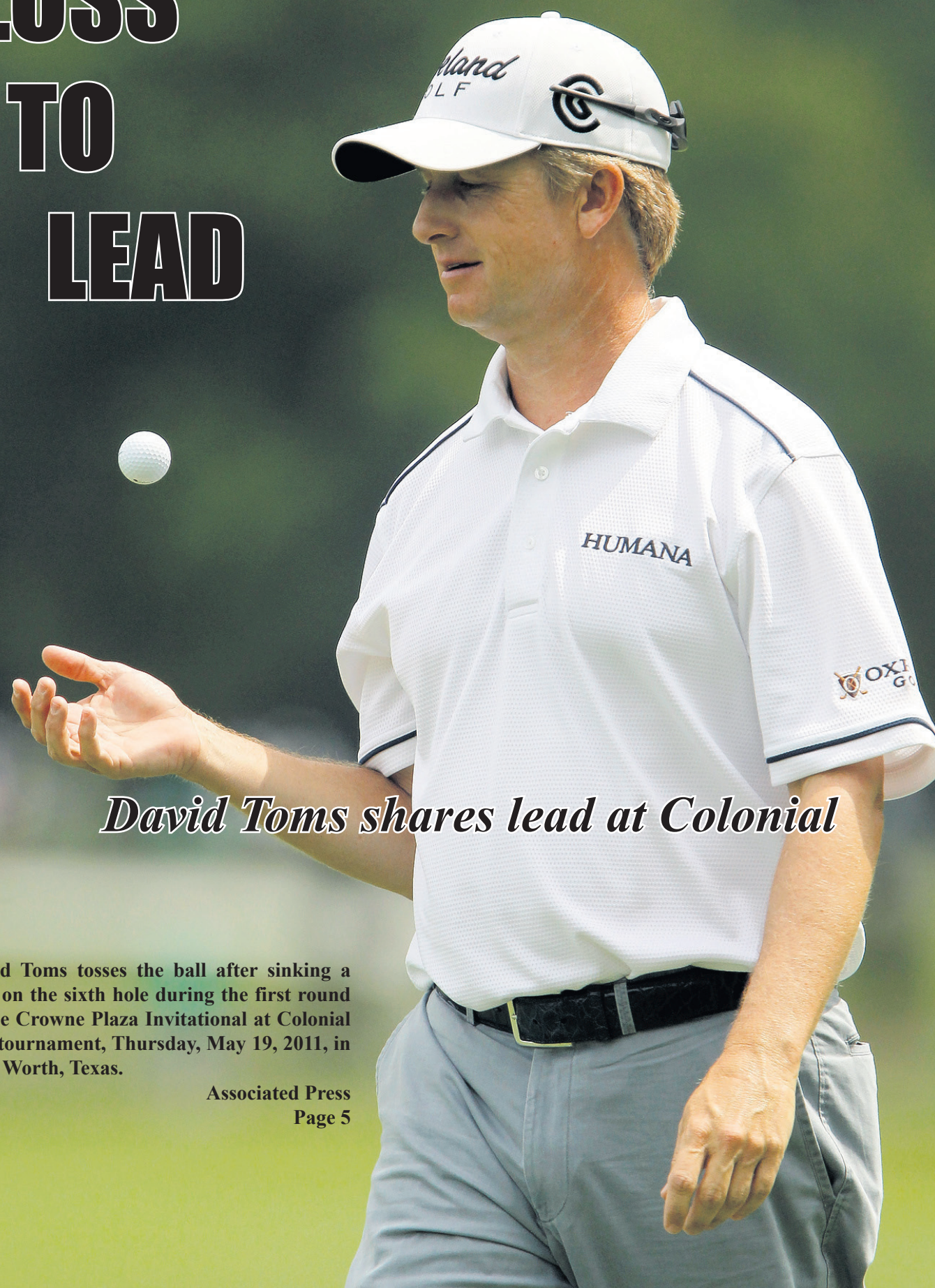
Tyler Hamilton says Armstrong took a blood-booster called EPO in the 1999 Tour and before the race in 2000 and 2001. Armstrong won the race every year from 1999-2005.

The interview with Hamilton was broadcast on the “CBS Evening News” on Thursday. Armstrong has steadfastly denied doping and has never failed a drug test.

Federal investigators are probing whether Armstrong and his former U.S. Postal team engaged in a systematic doping program, which he denies.

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## LOSS TO LEAD



### David Toms shares lead at Colonial

David Toms tosses the ball after sinking a putt on the sixth hole during the first round at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial golf tournament, Thursday, May 19, 2011, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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## Andy Roddick pulls out of French Open



In this May 9, 2011 file photo, Andy Roddick of the U.S. returns the ball to France's Gilles Simon during their Italian Open tennis tournament first-round match, in Rome.

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Former champion Juan Carlos Ferrero and Andy Roddick pulled out of the French Open on Thursday after failing to recover from right shoulder injuries. Ferrero, champion at Roland Garros in 2003 and runner-up in 2002, has played only five matches this year. He's ranked 72nd. Roddick, who beat Ferrero in the 2003 U.S. Open final, pulled out of the Italian Open doubles final last weekend. □



The car driven by IndyCar driver Simona De Silvestro, of Switzerland, crashes in the third turn during practice for the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Thursday, May 19, 2011.

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# De Silvestro injured in fiery crash at Indy 500

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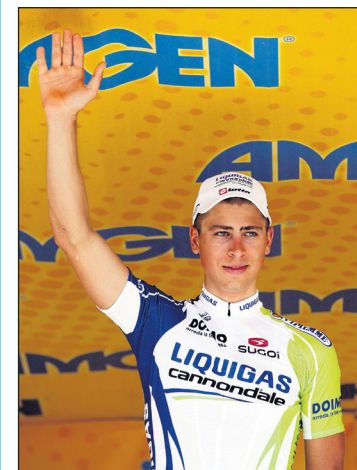
**AP Sports Writer**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Indianapolis Speedway officials say Swiss driver Simona De Silvestro is on her way to the hospital after burning both hands during a crash at an Indianapolis 500 practice.

The 22-year-old De Silvestro has second-degree burns to her right hand and superficial burns to her left hand, according to track officials.

De Silvestro lost control of her car on Thursday and it slammed into a wall, went airborne and flipped several times before coming to a rest upside down and in flames. She was able to walk into a vehicle that took her to the track's medical center. Smoke continued to billow from the severely damaged car as her crew turned it right side up so it could be towed off the track. De Silvestro is in 11th place in the IndyCar standings, with a season-best fourth-place finish at St. Petersburg. □

## Sagan wins 5th stage



Peter Sagan, of Slovakia, waves during the awards ceremony after he won Stage 5 of the Tour of California cycling race in downtown Paso Robles, Calif., on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

Associated Press

**PASO ROBLES, California (AP)** — Slovakian Peter Sagan swung wide right in the final 100 meters and sped from fifth place to win the fifth stage of the Tour of California. American Chris Horner remained the overall race leader on Thursday. Sagan, of the Liquigas-Cannondale team, claimed two consecutive stages in last year's event. He won the 135.1-mile (217-kilometer) Seaside to Paso Robles road race in 5 hours, 16 minutes, 3 seconds. The 21-year-old, second-year pro earned his 11th career victory.

"It was tough because the race was so long, but my teammates did a great job," Sagan said through a translator. Leigh Howard (HTC-Highroad) of Australia was second, and Ben Swift (Sky) of Britain, the opening stage winner, finished third, both in the same time as Sagan. Horner (RadioShack), who took the race lead Wednesday with a solo uphill win, finished 11th in the main field and maintained his 1-minute, 15-second lead over teammate and fellow American Levi Leipheimer. "I had the best place in the race," said Horner, the 10th-place finisher last year in the Tour de France. He rode Thursday surrounded by teammates. "I didn't need to be at the front. But when the gaps opened up toward the end, Levi pulled me up there." □



In this image taken from video and released by CBS, cyclist and former Lance Armstrong teammate, Tyler Hamilton, speaks to "60 Minutes" correspondent Scott Pelley in Dana Point, Calif., this past April.

"I saw (EPO) in his refrigerator. ... I saw him inject it more than one time," Hamilton said, "like we all did. Like I did, many, many times." Hamilton told "60 Minutes" reporter Scott Pelley: "(Arm-

strong) took what we all took ... the majority of the peloton," referring to riders in the race. "There was EPO ... testosterone ... a blood transfusion." EPO is a drug that boosts endurance by increasing the

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number of red blood cells in the body.

Armstrong's attorney Mark Fabiani said Hamilton "just duped the 'CBS Evening News,' '60 Minutes' and Scott Pelley all in one fell swoop." "Hamilton is actively seeking to make money by writing a book, and now he has completely changed the story he has always told before so that he could get himself on '60 Minutes' and increase his chances with publishers," Fabiani said in a statement. "But greed and a hunger for publicity cannot change the facts: Lance Armstrong is the most tested athlete in the history of sports: He has passed nearly 500 tests over twenty

years of competition."

Hamilton won a cycling gold medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics, but failed a drug test later. He was allowed to keep his medal, however, because problems at a laboratory meant his backup 'B' sample could not be tested. Months later, he was caught blood doping and served a two-year ban which ended in 2007. Hamilton returned to racing and won the 2008 U.S. road championship, but retired last year after admitting he took an antidepressant that contained the banned steroid DHEA. He was officially banned from cycling for eight years, and has since founded Tyler Hamilton Training, a company that helps coach all levels of cyclists. □



# Heat top Bulls in Game 2

*James owns crunch time*

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**  
AP Sports Writer

**CHICAGO** – Right from the start, LeBron James made it clear he was going to attack and no one was going to stop him.

Point taken.

James came up big down the stretch with nine of his 29 points in the final 4:27, Dwyane Wade added 24 and the Miami Heat beat the Chicago Bulls 85-75 Wednesday night to tie the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

"It was a big game," James said. "We felt like it was a must win for us going back home."

The Heat can breathe a little easier after escaping with a win and stealing home-court advantage. Coming off a lopsided loss in Game 1, they recovered in crunch time — thanks in large part to James — after blowing an 11-point lead.

Game 3 is Sunday in Miami. James shook off a brutal opener and took over late in the fourth, starting with a 3-pointer that put Miami ahead for good at 76-73. He also had 10 rebounds despite a head cold, and Miami out-rebounded the Bulls 45-41 after getting pounded 45-33 on the glass in the opener.

"That fourth quarter is going

to epitomize this entire series," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's an absolute street fight for both teams."

It was a big turnaround for James after he managed only 15 points on 5-for-15 shooting while being harassed by Luol Deng in Game 1. Wade, coming off an 18-point performance in the opener, also had nine rebounds for Miami. Miami reserve Udonis Haslem, whom Spoelstra called "an absolute championship warrior," provided a spark with 13 points, and the Heat beat the Bulls for the first time this season even though Chris Bosh scored just 10 points after pouring in 30 in the opener. "We got that one that we needed," Wade said. "Now, we go home and we've got to take care of business. This team right here is like us. They can win at home and on the road." Derrick Rose led Chicago with 21 points, only two of those coming in the fourth quarter. Deng, the only other Bulls player in double figures, added 13 but had just four after the opening period.

Joakim Noah had nine points and eight rebounds, and Taj Gibson provided a spark in the fourth with all of his eight points. Carlos Boozer, however, was a non-factor with seven points and eight re-

bounds and sat out the final 16:21.

"We let one go, but it's a tied series," Deng said. "It's not the end of the world. These things will happen. We need to bounce back."

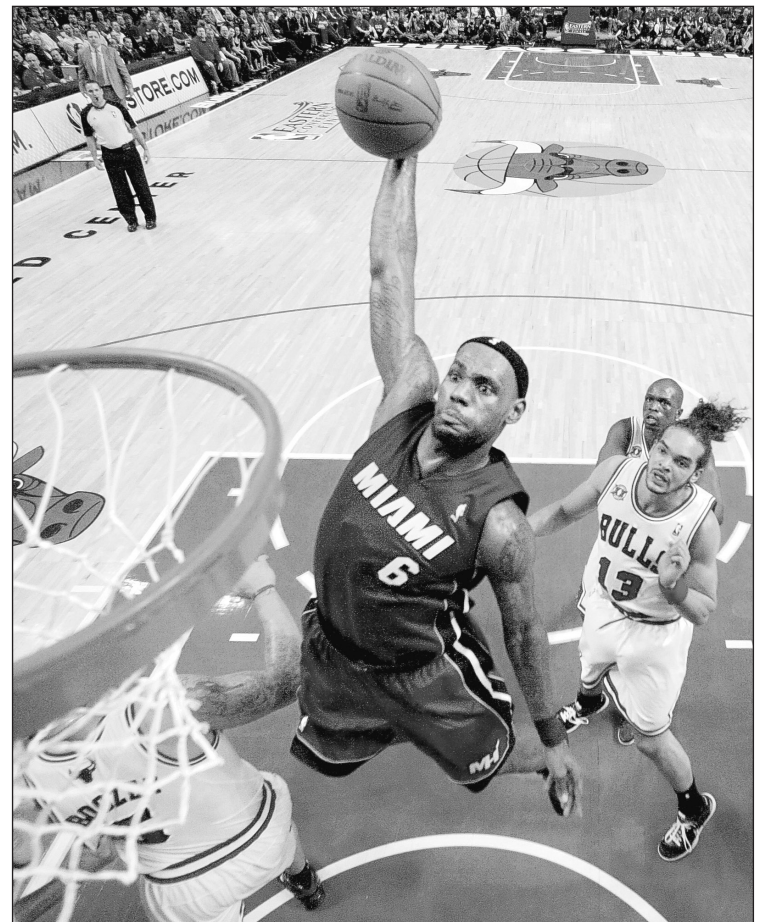
The Bulls missed countless layups and got outshot 47.1 percent to 34.1 percent. They were 3 of 20 from 3-point range and 16 of 26 at the foul line.

They had no answer for James down the stretch, either, and came up short when it looked as if they might find a way to pull this one out.

"We played a low-energy offense, a low-energy defense and the result was not good," coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Rose put it this way: "We can't afford to go out and play like this. We let them get easy baskets, especially in transition." The Heat led by 11 late in the third before the Bulls pulled even in the fourth, but James put Miami ahead for good when he hit a 3 with 4:28 left to break a 73-all tie. He added a jumper to make it a five-point game with 3:15 remaining.

Gibson delivered a slam over three defenders and got fouled by Wade, the same guy he delivered a poster-worthy dunk on in Game 1, to make it a



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) dunks over Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer, left, and center Joakim Noah during the first quarter of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Chicago.

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three-point game with 2:29 left, but missed the free throw.

James put back his own miss and nailed a 20-footer to make it 84-75 with 47 seconds left. The Heat looked as if they were ready to pull away in the third, going on a 10-0 run after Rose hit two free throws to cut it to 57-56 with 5:14 left. Haslem blocked Rose and dunked on Keith Bogans for

a three-point play to start the run and ended it with a vicious fastbreak dunk.

"I talked to him two days ago, and there was a look in his eye," Spoelstra said, referring to Haslem, who missed most of the regular season with a foot injury.

"I've been through a lot of battles with that warrior, and I knew it was time to put him in." □

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# Canucks rout Sharks 7-3 for 2-0 lead in series



San Jose Sharks goaltender Antti Niemi, of Finland, watches as a goal by Vancouver Canucks' Chris Higgins goes past him during the third period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Western Conference finals, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Vancouver Canucks defenseman Kevin Bieksa was already taking some good-natured heat from his teammates after his Gordie Howe hat trick.

That's nothing compared to what San Jose tough guy Ben Eager was saying.

Bieksa scored the go-ahead goal on a rare breakaway with 8 minutes left in the second period, and answered a challenge to fight by pounding on San Jose forward Patrick Marleau 6 minutes later.

That angered Eager, which led to a run of undisciplined third-period penalties that the Canucks quickly turned into a 7-3 rout of the Sharks on Wednesday night. Vancouver leads 2-0 in the Western Conference finals that now shifts to San Jose for the next two games. Game 3 is Friday.

Bieksa assisted on Chris Higgins' winning goal 8 minutes into the third to complete a busy night that featured a goal, an assist and a fight.

"Yeah, I've heard about it," said a grinning Bieksa. "(Alex Burrows) is probably the first guy to chirp me about it. It's great, I guess. The main thing

is we got the win, so that's why I'm happy."

It wasn't the only thing Bieksa heard about after the game.

Eager called Bieksa "a phony" for fighting Marleau even though the San Jose forward admitted to issuing the challenge. Marleau has two inches and 20 pounds on Bieksa, but hadn't fought in five years and was clearly outmatched.

"He goes after our top player," Eager said. "He's been asked many times (to fight) from lots of players throughout the league, and he's declined."

Eager never got the chance to ask. He was already in the penalty box. San Jose's tough guy yelled at the Vancouver bench after the fight, then ran Daniel Sedin face first into the boards 90 seconds later, earning a boarding penalty.

"Eager was ranting and raving at his bench going berserk, but it wasn't Kevin that dropped the mitts, it was Marleau," Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said. "So I'm not sure what (Bieksa) was supposed to do there." Eager took another penalty for tripping Raymond 6:57 into the third period, Higgins made it 4-2 on the ensuing power play, and the rout

was on.

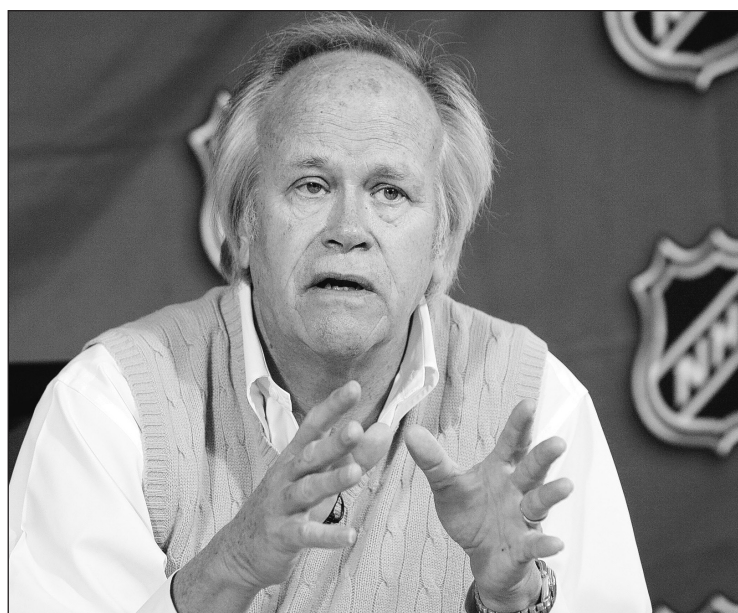
"I can't see in their heads, but I'm not sure what got them rattled," Bieksa said. "I don't really care too much about how they're feeling."

Daniel Sedin added his second power-play goal of the game midway through the third, Aaron Rome scored his first of the playoffs 3 minutes later, and Mason Raymond scored with 3:18 left shortly after a penalty expired.

"Ben Eager's hit started a bit of a frustration level on our team," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "We didn't handle it very well. I'm not going to sit here and try to protect them. We lost composure. We were frustrated."

Raffi Torres also scored — 39 seconds after Daniel Sedin's first power-play goal — Henrik Sedin added three assists, and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves. Eager scored with 2:33 left, but even then he ended up in the penalty box for yapping at Luongo and sparking a scrum. Eager finished with five minor penalties and a 10-minute misconduct. The Sharks combined for 53 minutes in penalties and lost their fifth in six games. □

## NBC Sports chief Dick Ebersol resigns



This April 19, 2011, file photo shows NBC Sports Group Chairman Dick Ebersol during a news conference at the offices of the National Hockey League, in New York. Associated Press

RACHEL COHEN  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC Sports Group Chairman Dick Ebersol, who helped launch "Saturday Night Live" then later established the network as the home of the Olympics,

has resigned.

Richard Carrion, the IOC executive board member who negotiates U.S. rights, told The Associated Press on Thursday that Comcast CEO Brian Roberts confirmed the departure to him.

"He assured me they are 100 percent committed to the Olympics and the rights process," Carrion said.

"It comes as a complete surprise," he added.

A person with knowledge of the decision told the AP it came because of a contract dispute and did not involve the network's bid for the broadcasting rights to upcoming games under its new partnership with Comcast.

The person spoke on condition on anonymity because the resignation had not yet been announced.

Ebersol's decision was first reported by The New York Times.

In 1975, as NBC's director of weekend late night programming, Ebersol and Lorne Michaels conceived and developed "Saturday Night Live." Ebersol returned to the network as president of NBC Sports in 1989. □

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# Toms shares Colonial lead at 62 after playoff loss

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — David Toms shot a bogey-free 8-under 62 to share the first-round lead at the Colonial with Chez Reavie on Thursday, quickly rebounding four days after losing a playoff at The Players Championship.

“It was one of those days where the hole just looked big,” Toms said. “This round certainly helps me get past what happened last week at the end. I needed to get off to a good start.”

After forcing a playoff with K.J. Choi at TPC Sawgrass with a rare birdie at the 18th hole, Toms missed a short par putt at the famed No. 17

island hole in the playoff that would have extended play.

At Hogan’s Alley, Toms was tied after one round with Reavie, who bettered his career-best score by two strokes. It was Toms’ best score in 429 rounds — since a career-best 61 at the Sony Open in Hawaii in January 2006. That was the last of his 12 PGA Tour victories.

The 62s by Toms and Reavie matched the lowest 18-hole scores on the PGA Tour this season, and were the best for an opening round.

Rickie Fowler shot a 63, missing a chance to tie the tournament record after his approach on his final hole, the 407-yard No. 9, hit the green and spun back into the water. He closed

with a double-bogey 6 in a round that included an eagle, eight birdies and a three-putt bogey from 6½ feet at the par-3 16th.

Fowler made a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-5 first hole and was 8 under over an eight-hole stretch before hitting his tee shot at his final hole left of a bunker into the rough before his penalized approach. And he still had a 29 on the front side.

“It’s a sorry way to finish the round, but I hit it really well, putted well,” Fowler said. “A 29 with a double (bogey) is not too bad. ... I’m excited to be playing well this week and kind of draw off the good out there today. A 63 to start off with is pretty awesome.”

Brendon de Jonge, Stewart Cink, Brian Gay, Nathan Green and Charlie Wi shot 64s, a stroke better than Rod Pampling, Mark Wilson and John Senden. Wi was the only of the top 11 scorers who played in the afternoon, when more wind made conditions



tougher.

Toms shot 31s on both nines at Colonial, starting on the back and wrapping up both sides with long birdie putts. His 27-foot putt at No. 18 started a stretch of three consecutive birdies, and he punctuated his round with a 29-foot birdie at the ninth hole.

Though he hit only six of 14

fairways, Toms needed just 24 putts.

“It was one of those days where I saw the lines. I had a lot of putts that barely broke right, barely broke left,” he said. “I had a lot of uphill-type putts where you could be aggressive. It’s just one of those days where everything seemed to go right.” □

## Westwood blitzes Hansen at World Match Play

**By STEVE DOUGLAS**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**ASARES, Spain** — Lee Westwood produced a blitz of birdies to defeat Anders Hansen 6 and 5 Thursday on the opening day of the World Match Play Championship, sending a message to two players trying to supplant him at No. 1.

Luke Donald and Martin Kaymer, who could move to the top of the rankings by winning the tournament on the Costa del Sol, also eased to opening-round victories at the Finca Cortesin course.

Second-ranked Donald defeated Ryan Moore of the United States 4 and 3, while Kaymer edged Y.E. Yang of South Korea 2 and 1. Masters champion Charl Schwartzel was routed 6 and 5 by Miguel Angel Jimenez.

Westwood started with a bogey on the par-4 first hole but found his range with the putter to make six birdies between the fourth and 11th holes, overwhelming his Danish opponent.

Westwood didn’t compete in last week’s Players Championship at the TPC Sawgrass. It’s considered by some as the fifth major, but Westwood wanted to stay fresh not only for the World Match Play but also a string of tournaments this summer.

Westwood plays Australia’s Aaron Baddeley on Friday in his second group match.

Donald, who beat Kaymer to win the Accenture World Match Play in Arizona in February, again showed his pedigree in the one-on-one format in Group B. □

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## Experts question usefulness of 'longevity' blood tests

ANDREW POLLACK

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Want to know how long you will live? Blood tests that seek to tell people their biological age – possibly offering a clue to their longevity or how healthy they will remain – are now going on sale.

But contrary to various recent media reports, the tests cannot specify how many months or years someone can expect to live. Some experts say the tests will not provide any useful information.

The tests measure telomeres, which are structures on the tips of chromosomes that shorten as people age.

**Various studies have shown that people with shorter telomeres in their white blood cells are more likely to develop illnesses like cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's disease, or even to die earlier. Studies in mice have suggested that extending telomeres lengthens lives.**

Seizing on that, laboratories are beginning to offer tests of telomere length, setting off a new debate over what genetic tests should be offered to the public and what would be the ethical implications if the results were used by employers or others.

Some of the laboratories offering the tests emphasize that the results are merely intended to raise a warning flag.

"We see it as a kind of wake-up call for the patient and the clinician to say, 'You know, you're on a rapidly aging path,'" said Otto Schaefer, vice president for sales and marketing at SpectraCell Laboratories in Houston, which offers a test

for \$290.

A company in Spain, provocatively named Life Length, has begun selling a test for 500 euros (\$712), that says that it can tell people their biological age, which may not correspond to their chronologic



An undated handout photo of Maria Blasco, a co-founder of Life Length and a molecular biologist at the Spanish National Cancer Research Center in Madrid. Blood tests that seek to tell people their biological age, possibly offering a clue to their longevity or how healthy they will remain, are now going on sale.

(Life Length via The New York Times)

age.

Another company, Telome Health of Menlo Park, Calif., plans to begin offering a test later this year for about \$200. It was co-founded by Elizabeth H. Blackburn of the University of California, San Francisco, who shared a Nobel Prize in 2009 for discoveries related to telomeres. Calvin B. Harley, the chief scientific officer at Telome Health, said the test would be akin to a car's dashboard signal, a "check engine light." He compared it

with a cholesterol test, but more versatile since it can predict a risk of various illnesses, not just heart attacks.

But among the critics of such tests is Carol Greider, a molecular biologist at Johns Hopkins University, who was a co-winner of the Nobel Prize with Blackburn.

Greider acknowledged that solid evidence showed that the 1 percent of people with the shortest telomeres were at an increased risk of certain diseases, particularly bone marrow failure and pulmonary fibrosis, a fatal scarring of the lungs. But outside of that 1 percent, she said, "The science really isn't there to tell us what the consequences are of your telomere length."

Greider said that there was great variability in telomere length. "A given telomere length can be from a 20-year-old or a 70-year-old," she said. "You could send me a DNA sample and I couldn't tell you how old that person is."

Peter Lansdorp, a telomere expert at the British Columbia Cancer Agency, also had doubts. "If telomeres are short for you or me, what does it mean?" he said. Lansdorp started a company, Repeat Diagnostics, which conducts telomere testing for medical researchers only.

Recent media reports speculated on the tests and their possible implications, including ethical problems.

"You could imagine insurance companies wanting this knowledge to set rates or deny coverage," said Dr. Jerry W. Shay, a professor of cell biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, who is an adviser to Life Length. Test vendors say the speculation is running wild. □

## A miracle in the war on cancer

Dr. Melanie Bone

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

-- I was honored to receive the Women in Leadership Award, private sector, from the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches. The luncheon was held recently at the Cohen Pavilion with more than 500 people in attendance. Just before we sat down, a friendly neighbor approached me to offer congratulations. She asked if I had a second to hear an amazing story.

A few weeks before, her father-in-law, 88 years old, was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He was practically bedridden. The oncologists treating him advised hospice care. Lucky for him, his family decided to be proactive.

**They went on the Internet and found out that some patients diagnosed with metastatic melanoma have a genetic predisposition to it. They have something called the BRAF gene. Not to be confused with the BRCA, another gene that can also predispose to melanoma as well as breast and ovarian cancer, the BRAF gene is part of a complex pathway that leads to melanoma.**

Essentially, there are growth factors that attach to the cell wall and activate a factor called RAS. In turn BRAF controls the effect of RAS on another set of enzymes that controls cell growth and proliferation. When there is a substitution of one amino acid on BRAF the entire system is thrown off. This leads to uncontrolled stimulation of the cell and eventually cancer. At least 50 percent of metastatic melanoma patients have the BRAF mutation.

Initially, gene therapy was tried with a drug called Sorafenib. □

## FDA panel backs key use of Abbott cholesterol drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel says a blockbuster drug from Abbott Laboratories should continue to be marketed for use with other cholesterol drugs, despite a government study that

questioned the benefit.

Abbott's Trilipix is a fibrate, a drug that lowers blood fats called triglycerides.

The drug is approved for combination use with statins, the most widely-used class of drugs that reduce cholesterol

levels.

A government study released in March showed that diabetic patients taking Trilipix plus a statin had as many heart attacks as patients taking a statin alone.

The FDA asked its panel

whether combination use should be revoked.

Nine out of 13 panelists voted that the indication should remain on the label. Six voted that the label should be updated with results from the government study. □



# LinkedIn's stock up 90 percent in market debut

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — LinkedIn's stock nearly doubled in its market debut Thursday because of huge investor demand for the first major U.S. social networking company to go public. The stock traded at \$87.11, up 94 percent, Thursday morning after debuting at \$83 and briefly reaching \$92.99. LinkedIn Corp.'s initial public offering Wednesday night was priced at \$45 per share, at the high end of the company's initial target. The company raised \$353 million in an IPO that valued it at \$4.3 billion. That's the largest valuation for a U.S. Internet company since Google went public in 2004. Renaissance Capital, an IPO research and investment firm, said LinkedIn's 84 percent increase at the market opening Thursday

was the biggest for a U.S. IPO since the 2009 debut of OpenTable Inc., a restaurant reservations website.

IPO analyst Scott Sweet, the founder of IPO Boutique, credits the increase to LinkedIn selling a relatively small number of shares, 7.8 million. Main Street investors clamored for the job networking site's stock, which had only been available to the country's biggest mutual funds, pension funds and other major institutional investors in Wednesday's IPO.

The demand reflects investors' belief that Internet services that connect people with common interests will be able to make more money as the Web's audience steadily expands. LinkedIn's valuation eventually may look modest compared to other Internet companies that are being tout-



Jeff Weiner, second from right, LinkedIn's CEO, celebrates the company's listing, Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the New York Stock Exchange. LinkedIn, based in Mountain View, Calif., is an internet-based social networking rolodex for business people. Associated Press

## Amazon says e-book sales surpass printed books

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon.com Inc. on Thursday said that, after less than four years of selling electronic books, it's now selling more of them than printed books.

The online retailer said that since April 1, it has sold 105 e-books for every 100 printed books, including printed books for which there is no electronic edition.

The comparison excludes free e-books, which would tip the scales further if they were included.

Printed books include both hardcover and paperback books. Amazon said in July that e-book sales had outstripped hardcover sales. It's now selling three times as many e-books as it did a year ago. Analysts estimate that Amazon accounts for about two-thirds of U.S. e-book sales. Amazon also said the latest and cheapest version of its Kindle e-book reading device is the best-seller of the line, five weeks after it was introduced. □

## United Nations expert: Cutting Web access 'disproportionate'

**GENEVA (AP)** — The U.N.'s independent expert on freedom of speech says governments that cut users' access to the Internet are violating a basic human right "regardless of the justification provided." Frank La Rue says blocking Net access is "disproportionate," whether it is a blanket ban imposed during times of political unrest or against individuals for violating specific laws.

Britain last year announced

it planned to follow France's lead to cut off Internet access to people who illegally download copyright-protected material.

La Rue's report made available Thursday also urges governments to decriminalize all forms of defamation and ensure Web users can express themselves anonymously.

The report will be discussed by the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva next month. □

ed as potentially going public in the next 18 months. The short list includes: online messaging service Twitter, Web game maker Zynga, coupon site Groupon and Facebook, the social network that boasts

more than 500 million users. Sweet said Thursday's market debut was a good sign for those other social-networking companies.

The company's service helps businesses find new

employees and promotes networking among the more than 102 million people that have set up profiles. LinkedIn is trading under the symbol "LNKD" on the New York Stock Exchange. □

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## Business Briefs

### Honda recalls 2012 Civic for fuel line defec

TORRANCE, Calif. — Honda Motor Co. says it’s recalling more than 1,000 new Honda Civics in the U.S. because they could leak fuel.

The 2012 Civic went on sale earlier this spring. The recall affects 1,156 cars, many of which haven’t even been sold yet. Honda said they’ll be repaired while they’re still on dealer lots. Honda said the Civic’s fuel line could leak because of a manufacturing error. No injuries or fires have been reported related to the defect.

Honda will repair the fuel line for free. It will begin notifying customers of the recall on May 27. Owners can determine if their cars need the repair on Honda’s Web site. □

### Dish gives new customers 3 mos of free Blockbuster

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Satellite TV operator Dish Network is giving new customers three free months of Blockbuster By Mail, a mail-order DVD and Blu-ray disc service it acquired when it bought Blockbuster out of bankruptcy last month.

Dish Network Corp. is making the offer as it competes on at least two other fronts in home entertainment. It is battling DirecTV and cable operators on the one hand and mail-order movie and Internet streaming service Netflix Inc. on the other. Dish bought Blockbuster out of bankruptcy last month for \$228 million.

Englewood, Colo.-based Dish says Blockbuster by Mail gives customers access to more than 100,000 movies, TV shows and games. New titles are available 28 days before they come out on Netflix or are offered by kiosk operator Redbox. □

### Appeals court reverses Countrywide suit dismissal

LOS ANGELES — An appeals court has overturned the dismissal of a class-action lawsuit brought by investors against mortgage giant Countrywide Financial Corp.

The move by a panel of the California 2nd District Court of Appeal reverses the decision by a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles last year. That court threw out the complaint on grounds that a state court had no jurisdiction to hear the case, citing the U.S. Securities Act.

In the ruling issued Wednesday, the appeals court disagreed, concluding such a complaint could be heard in state court. The decision allows the case to proceed.

The investors claim Countrywide had false or misleading statements in documentation for the mortgage-backed securities that they bought from the lender between 2005 and 2007. Bank of America acquired Countrywide in July 2008. □

### Siemens pays Areva \$925M over nuke business

BERLIN (AP) — Germany’s Siemens AG says it must pay France’s Areva NP compensation of €648 million (\$925 million) plus interest payments over abandoning a joint venture to build nuclear power plants.

Siemens said the International Chamber of Commerce ruled Thursday that it has not fully lived up to its contractual duties with Areva. The charge will affect the earnings of the current quarter.

Siemens earlier this month reported a higher profit for its fiscal second-quarter due to a gain of €1.52 billion from selling its joint venture stake to Areva.

Siemens in 2009 pulled out of the project amid complaints that its minority shareholding didn’t give it enough say. The company then announced it would join Russia’s Rosatom to develop nuclear reactors, but that deal has been on hold pending the Areva proceedings. □



# Americans to travel with tight grip on the wallet



In this May 28, 2010 file photo, the rush hour commute starts in early afternoon and with greater intensity as traffic is jammed in both directions on Interstate 405 on the Westside of Los Angeles as commuters and vacationers hit the road  
Associated Press

By SANDY SHORE

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ

AP Business Writers

DENVER — This Memorial Day weekend Americans will be skipping the souvenir T-shirt. More travelers are expected to hit the road than have since the Great Recession. But they’ll be keeping a tight grip on their wallets thanks to higher gas prices. The typical family plans to spend \$692, a decrease of 14 percent from last year’s \$809.

“You’ll see people eating sandwiches out the cooler instead of going into a restaurant,” says Susanne Pelt, spokeswoman for the South of the Border roadside attraction in South Carolina.

AAA projects 34.9 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home — a slight increase of 100,000 travelers

from last year and the highest number since 2007. But those who do make the journey will be spending a lot less, AAA and its survey partner IHS Global Insight say, based on interviews with 325 Americans who plan to travel for the holiday. Rising gas prices are on the minds of 40 percent of travelers, with many planning to take shorter trips or otherwise conserve money. That might mean picking a Holiday Inn Express over a Holiday Inn or driving to a free beach instead of an amusement park. But most refuse to abandon their vacation altogether. “Americans really believe a vacation is a right,” says Joseph A. McNerney, CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association. “It’s not a luxury.” And it’s not just higher gas prices

that families have to deal with. Rates at AAA three diamond hotels are expected to increase 5 percent from a year ago to \$148 a night. Cheaper two diamond properties are up 10 percent to \$109. “We are seeing some folks who are saying they have to pinch pennies to make the trip,” says Paula Werne, spokeswoman for Holiday World in the southern Indiana town of Santa Claus. With the stock market up and the economy generally better than a year ago, not everybody is scrimping and saving. AAA predicts that 2.93 million people will board an airplane over the Memorial Day weekend, up 11.5 percent from last year despite higher airfares. The airlines have hiked airfares seven times since the start of the

year. The average cost of a ticket is up more than 10 percent from last year. That spike in air travel has also driven up the total distance families are expected to travel to 792 miles. That’s 27 percent greater than last year’s average travel distance of 626 miles. Increased air travel is a sign that people at the higher end of the income scale are faring better. Those with incomes above \$50,000 a year make up 69 percent of those who plan to travel, according to AAA. Last year, they were just 58 percent of the total. The reason: higher gas prices take up a larger share of lower-income families’ household budgets. As Memorial Day weekend approaches, pump prices are at their highest level in three years. □

# Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people applying for unemployment benefits fell sharply for the second straight week, suggesting the job market is slowly recovering.

Applications for benefits dropped 29,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 409,000, the Labor Department said.

The four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose slightly to 439,000. It was the sixth straight increase.

The declines come after applications spiked last month to an eight-month high of 474,000. The increase was largely because of temporary factors. Still, it lifted applications nearly 100,000 higher than February’s three-year low of 375,000 — a level typically consistent with sustainable job growth.

Weekly applications peaked during the recession at 659,000. Economists said they were encouraged to see applications declining again. But many said they would feel more optimistic about the job market when applications fall below 400,000.

“It will likely take several weeks before this average falls back below 400,000 and



In this May 10, 2011 photo, Mike Burger dumps drain plugs from a press at Seaway Bolt and Specials Corp. in Columbia Station, Ohio.  
Associated Press

there is a risk that flooding in the Mississippi area could distort the claims data in the next one or two reports,” said John Ryding, an economist at RDQ Economics. Labor Department analysts said the jump

two weeks ago was largely the result of an unexpected increase in layoffs at New York schools. More of the state’s school systems closed for spring break than expected. □

# Oil falls below \$99 per barrel

Agency is concerned.

The IEA, based in Paris, said that even after falling about 13 percent since the beginning of May, petroleum products continue to take a large share of household and business spending around the world and threaten to stall the global economic recovery. The agency warned that there’s “urgent need” for refineries to produce more gasoline and bring down pump prices.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for June delivery fell \$1.66 to settle at \$98.44 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The June contract ends Friday, and most trading has switched to the July contract, which lost \$1.63 to settle at \$98.93 per barrel. Lackluster economic news on Thursday helped pushed down crude along with the IEA report. □



U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood speaks after touring the Nissan North American Inc. lithium-ion battery plant that is under construction in Smyrna, Tenn., on Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
Associated Press

By CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK — Oil dropped

below \$99 a barrel Thursday, but it’s still too high as far as the International Energy



# Shift awaits Baldwin as his '30 Rock' days dwindle



In this Feb. 28, 2011 file photo, Alec Baldwin attends the Museum of the Moving Image salute to Alec Baldwin in New York. Baldwin is contemplating his exit from "30 Rock." He has one season left on his contract with NBC and has said he will leave at that point.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, file)

**JAKE COYLE,**  
**AP Entertainment Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — In a recent episode of "30 Rock," Alec Baldwin's character, Jack Donaghy, went through a kind of midlife crises, splitting into four alternate versions of his self. One, "sideways Jack," chastised Donaghy for allowing an intended six-month stop in TV to turn into

five years, leaving him stalled and no longer a "shark." "You don't even know what a shark is anymore!" exclaimed the alternate Donaghy. The episode played artfully with Baldwin's own career ambitions, which didn't include sitcom stardom until Tina Fey's "30 Rock" came along. Now, though, Baldwin is contemplating his exit from "30

Rock." He has one season left on his contract with NBC and has said he will leave at that point.

"That's pretty much all I think about right now," said Baldwin in a recent interview. "To finish the show, I'm going to do this year then start thinking about what I want to do next. It's the big question. It's been a great experience, and I've loved doing the show. It changed my life. I'll never have it this good again, I know that. But I know that I've got to do something different, try something different. I don't know what that's going to be."

This summer, Baldwin will be shooting Woody Allen's next film, to be shot in Rome, as well as the big screen adaptation of the Broadway musical "Rock of Ages" and the indie drama "Hick."

**Though Baldwin, 53, worked primarily in movies before "30 Rock" and has since worked in such films as 2009's "It's Complicated," he says he won't necessarily return to that path.**

"When I go back into the world to go to work, I don't know how likely I would be to (make movies). This is something I can't answer now,"

says Baldwin.

"But if I want to do something after that, I don't know if that would be another series on television — I doubt I would do that. Just to go to work, maybe I would do films again. But it's difficult because films are hard.

"I look at romantic comedies and independent films, quirky comedies, and I think I don't really appreciate them that much. And all of this is as a result of doing '30 Rock,' because I've really been com-

pletely tainted by the people I work with because they're so funny. ... It's tough to find something that's really, really well written."

Baldwin has an interest in politics and regularly blogs for the Huffington Post. But he hasn't run for office himself because he notes that the top New York State offices are safe Democratic seats that he wouldn't want to challenge.

"It would be easier for me to run if I moved — California or Connecticut or somewhere. □

## Last 'American Idol' finalist booted before show finale



American Idol finalist Haley Reinhart is welcomed by her hometown with a parade and ceremony during Haley Reinhart Day in Wheeling, Ill., Saturday, May 14, 2011. The bluesy 20-year-old vocalist best known for her signature singing snarl, was revealed Thursday to have received the fewest viewer votes on the Fox talent contest.

(AP Photo/Paul Beaty)

## Cannes bans Lars von Trier after Hitler remarks

**DAVID GERMAIN,**  
**AP Movie Writer**

**CANNES, France (AP)** — Danish filmmaker Lars von Trier was booted out of the Cannes Film Festival for a bizarre, rambling news conference in which he said he sympathizes with Adolf Hitler. The comments had ignited shock from the moment they spilled out of the director's mouth, causing Kirsten Dunst, an actress in his film "Melancholia," to lean over and whisper to von Trier, "Oh my God, this is terrible." Festival President Gilles Jacob said Thursday von Trier had been banned from the rest of this year's festival, although he would not elaborate if the filmmaker might be allowed back in the future. It was an unprecedented move by the festival, which in 2000 had bestowed its highest honor on von Trier's earlier film, "Dancer in the Dark."

The filmmaker's comments had "stained the reputation for the festival" and its 28-member board of directors felt it had to respond, Jacob said. Von Trier's current film "Melancholia"

remains in competition for all Cannes prizes — including the top Palme d'Or award — but if it wins any he will not be allowed to attend Sunday's closing ceremony.

At a news conference for the film Wednesday, von Trier spoke about his German heritage, and in a rambling speech said he understood and sympathized with Hitler. The director said afterward he had been joking and later issued an apology. Thierry Fremaux, the general director at Cannes, said von Trier told festival officials that he "accepts the punishment."

"He's upset by this matter," Fremaux said. "He recognized that the festival had to take a firm position in regards to his comments."

Jacob said the board considered throwing "Melancholia" out of the festival but it decided to "distinguish between the work and the person." The decision should not affect the nine-member jury's deliberations, Fremaux said, adding, they "must judge the films in all sovereignty according to whatever criteria they like." □

**DERRIK J. LANG,**  
**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — "American Idol" finalist Haley Reinhart won't be growling on this season's final showdown.

The bluesy 20-year-old vocalist best known for her signature singing snarl, was revealed Thursday to have received the fewest viewer votes on the Fox talent contest, leaving deep-voiced 17-year-old singer Scotty McCreery and soaring 16-year-old songbird Lauren Alaina to compete on next week's finale.

"I rocked it out, and I had a blast," Reinhart said after her elimination. Reinhart had always seemed doomed on "Idol." Unlike her remaining rivals, cherubic country crooners McCreery and Alaina, the wavy-haired Reinhart had been less definable and garnered fewer votes, landing at the bottom as one of the show's low vote-getters four times after weak performances of such songs as LeAnn Rimes' "Blue" and Blondie's "Call Me." This season's femme fatale found recent success by boldly tackling classic rock tunes. She earned a standing ovation from the judges two weeks ago for a rousing rendition of The Animals' version of "The House of the Rising Sun," and she was lauded again Wednesday for her performances of Fleetwood Mac's "Rhiannon" and Led Zeppelin's "What Is and What Should Never Be." □



## Entertainment Briefs

### Katie Couric ends her run at CBS News

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Katie Couric, to become the first woman to be sole anchor of a U.S. network evening newscast, has signed off as “CBS Evening News” anchor after nearly five years. Couric ended her last evening newscast on Thursday by telling viewers: “Thank you so much for coming along with me on this incredible journey.”

CBS had high hopes when it lured Couric from NBC’s “Today” morning show in 2006. After an initial burst of curiosity, viewers went elsewhere. Although the newscast won awards, it could never climb out of third place in the ratings. Couric leaves without announcing her plans. She’s negotiating with ABC about hosting a daytime talk show and doing work for its news division. □

### Rapper B.G. indicted on gun, conspiracy charges

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — A federal grand jury has indicted New Orleans rapper B.G. on gun and conspiracy charges. U.S. Attorney Jim Letten says according to Thursday’s indictment, the 30-year-old rapper, whose real name is Christopher Dorsey, faces two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

If convicted, Dorsey faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the gun charges and up to 20 years and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy charge. It was not immediately known whether Dorsey had an attorney and a telephone listing could not be found for him. B.G. is probably best known for 1999’s hit “Bling Bling.” □

### Kate Gosselin ordered to pay counselor \$10K

**HAZLETON, Pennsylvania (AP)** — A northeastern Pennsylvania judge says reality TV star Kate Gosselin must pay a local marriage therapist more than \$10,000 in a dispute over counseling. Sylvia Lafair contends she flew to Los Angeles at Gosselin’s request to counsel her and then-husband Jon Gosselin in March 2009. The pair starred in “Jon and Kate Plus 8” before divorcing. Lafair sued last year after Kate Gosselin didn’t pay for the services or travel. Gosselin testified last week that she never had a contract with Lafair, who heads Creative Energy Options in White Haven, Pa. Gosselin lives about 50 miles away in Sinking Spring. Magisterial District Judge Gerald Feissner ruled May 13 that Gosselin must pay Lafair’s company about \$10,300. Gosselin’s attorney tells The Standard-Speaker of Hazleton that he appealed on Tuesday. □

## More artists sue Universal Music



**FILE** — Eminem, the rapper whose producers won a suit against Universal Music Group over digital royalties, performs in support of his album ‘Recovery’ on the ‘Home and Home’ tour at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sept. 13, 2010. Five more musical artists have filed suits claiming Universal Music failed to pay higher fees for the digital licensing of their music.

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

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Two months after Eminem’s producers won a case against the Universal Music Group over how royalties are computed for digital music, more artists have followed with complaints that they are owed what may amount to millions of dollars in unpaid earnings. Last month, the estate of Rick James sued Universal, and on Wednesday, Rob Zombie, White Zombie, Whitesnake and Dave Mason — four prominent rock acts whose work spans decades — filed a class-action suit against Universal in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

In all of these cases, the artists or their associates say that their record company violated

their contracts by counting a digital download as a sale instead of a licensing, which would result in a substantially higher royalty.

Recording contracts vary, but most artists get a royalty of 10 to 15 percent for the sale of a CD, minus many deductions, while licenses pay a royalty of 50 percent and may not be subject to the same deductions.

The class-action suit accuses Universal, the world’s largest music company, of unfair business practices by knowingly miscalculating royalties. The suit claims the label “analyzed internally the financial consequences of its misconduct and cast it in terms of the additional profit to be made by UMG by avoiding its contrac-

tual obligations.”

A spokesman for Universal said in a statement: “This complaint suffers from serious flaws and weaknesses, not the least of which is that the claims asserted are not appropriate for class treatment. We will vigorously defend against it.”

Entertainment lawyers say that more suits may be coming against Universal and other labels.

The cases reveal a contractual technicality of little concern a decade ago that is now significant with the growth of digital music.

In contracts signed before the early 2000s, there was often no provision for digital sales, and in these and other suits, lawyers have argued that sales from iTunes and other retailers should fall into the category of a license.

Last year, in the Eminem case, a federal court agreed; in March, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal, letting the lower court’s ruling stand.

The class-action suit filed this week seeks unspecified damages, although it also includes some estimates of how much more it wants Universal to pay.

“A decent rule of thumb is that for every dollar UMG actually accounts for and pays,” the complaint says, “it should be accounting for and paying or crediting anywhere between two and three (or more) dollars.” □

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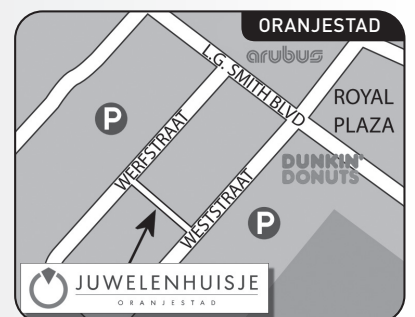
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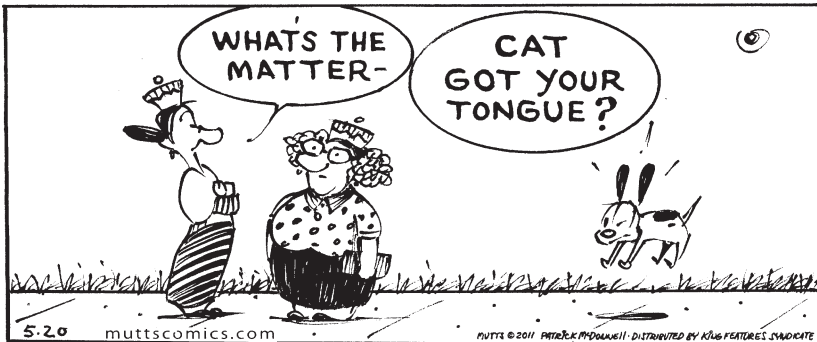
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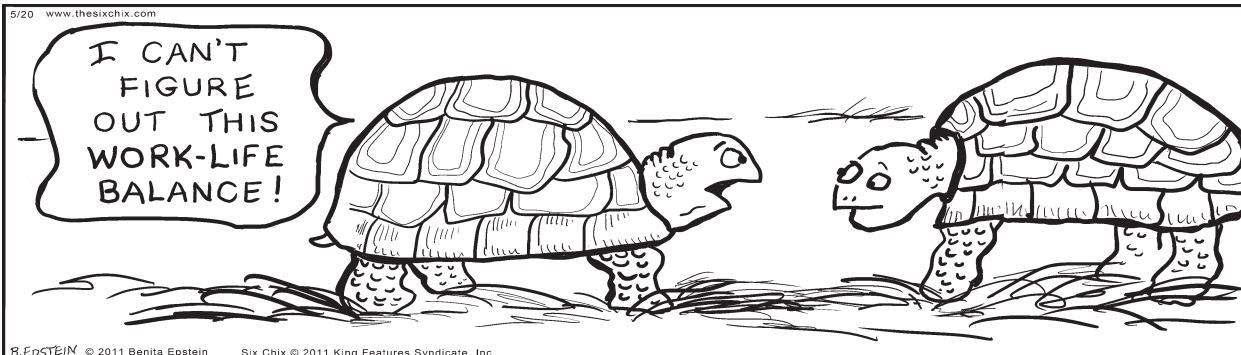
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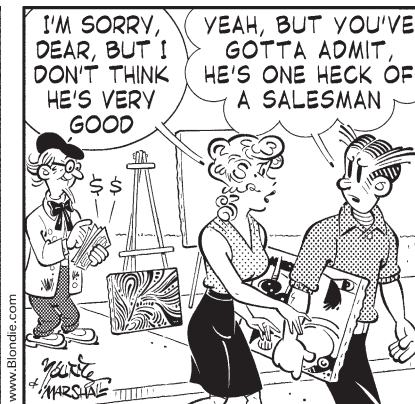
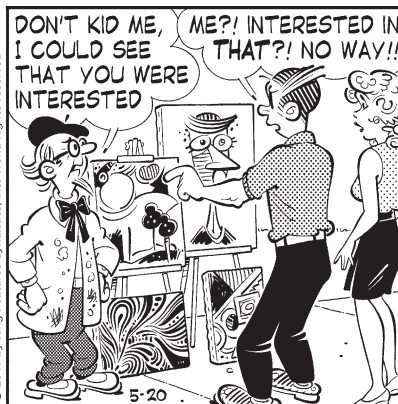
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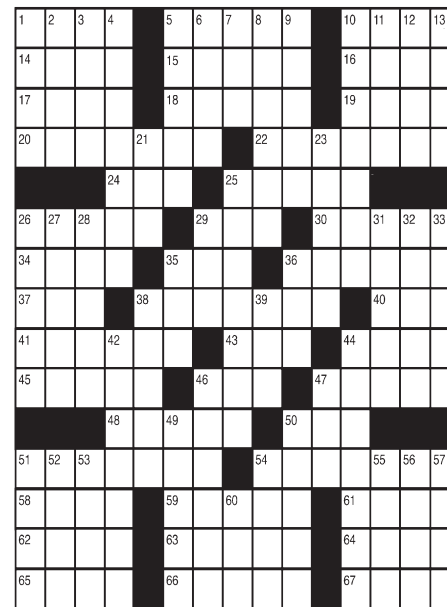
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- Baby's first word, often
- Comes close to
- Alpha's follower
- Willing to listen and reconsider
- Concur
- Declare openly
- the riot act to; bawl out
- Polls visitor
- Silent actor
- Country villas
- Becomes frothy
- None at all
- "\_ and Juliet"
- Subside
- Long-haired ox
- Ambitions
- Italy's capital
- Luau dish
- Give, as a gift
- Poe's initials
- Mental outlook
- Frozen water
- Snoozing
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- Wager
- Scout's award
- Utter
- Spookiest
- Buzzing insects
- Shade of red
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## Harry Coover, Super Glue's Inventor, Dies at 94

The man who invented Super Glue, died on Saturday night at his home in Kingsport, Tenn. He was 94. The cause was congestive heart failure, his daughter, Dr. Melinda Coover Paul, said. Dr. Coover first happened upon the super-sticky adhesive — more formally known as cyanoacrylates — by accident when he was experimenting with acrylates for use in clear plastic gun-sights during World War II. He gave up because they stuck to everything they touched. In 1951, a researcher named Fred Joyner, who was working with Dr. Coover at Eastman Kodak's laboratory in Tennessee, was testing hundreds of compounds looking for a temperature-resistant coating for jet cockpits. When Mr. Joyner spread the 910th compound on the list between two lenses on a refractometer to take a reading on the velocity of light through it, he discovered he could not separate the lenses. His initial reaction was panic at the loss of the expensive lab equipment. "He ruined the machine," Dr. Paul said of the refractometer. "Back in the '50s, they cost like \$3,000, which was huge." But Dr. Coover saw an opportunity. Seven years later, the first incarnation of Super Glue, called Eastman 910, hit the market. In the name of science, Mr. Joyner was not punished for destroying the equipment, Dr. Paul said. Not long after, Dr. Coover made an appearance on the television show "I've Got a Secret," which starred Garry Moore as the host. Dr. Coover's secret was that he had invented Super Glue, and he was asked to demonstrate what it could do. A metal bar was lowered onto the stage, and Dr. Coover used a dab of the glue to connect two metal parts together. Then, his daughter said, he grabbed hold of one and was raised in the air on the strength of his invention. "Then Garry Moore jumped on, too!" she said. "And this is live television. But it worked. It absolutely worked." Nonetheless, Kodak was never able to capitalize commercially on Dr. Coover's discovery. It sold the business to National Starch in 1980. Dr. Coover was born in Newark, Del., on March 6, 1917. (Some sources report that he was born in 1919, but his daughter said 1917 was correct.) He studied chemistry at Hobart College and then received a master's degree and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Cornell University. He worked at the Eastman Kodak Company until he retired and then worked as a consultant. In 2004, he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.



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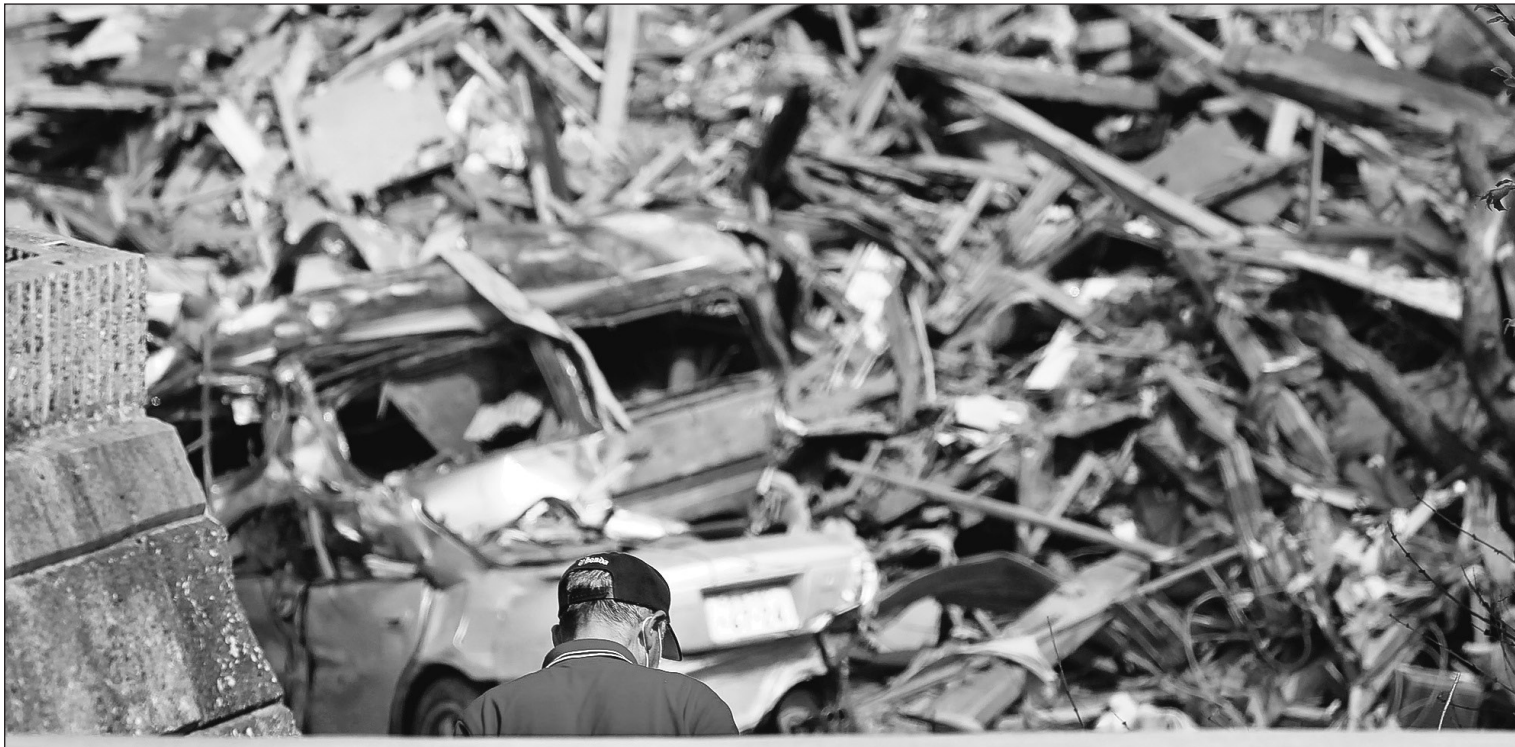
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# Japan earthquake could raise concerns elsewhere



**A man steps down stairs in an area devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture, northeastern Japan, Thursday, May 19, 2011.**

**RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**  
AP Science Writer  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** —  
Scientists sifting through data  
from the great Japan earth-

quake in March are uncovering surprises that may raise concerns nearby. Researchers led by Mark Simons of the California Institute of Tech-

nology are urging close monitoring of seismic activity in the Ibaraki region immediately south of the spot where the most recent quake occurred.

They are not predicting another quake, Simons stressed in a telephone interview. But the area where the deadly March temblor struck “was believed

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by many to be not likely to produce a big quake, and that was wrong.” So that raises questions about other, similar regions, he said. “We learned we have to be much more suspicious about what we know for sure, and more explicit about what we don’t know,” Simons said. Monitoring the region will give scientists clues to the movement of the undersea plates that slipped in the quake. Simons’ comments came as the journal *Science* was publishing a series of technical papers in its online edition Thursday, with data from the 9.0 magnitude Tohoku-Oki quake March 11. The quake and following tsunami are believed to have killed more than 24,500 people. Police reported last week that 15,019 were dead and 9,506 were still listed as missing. In addition, radiation leaks at the Fukushima nuclear power plant have forced 80,000 people living within a 12-mile (20-kilometer) radius of the facility to leave their homes for an indefinite time. David Wald, a seismologist at the U.S. Geological Survey, said that turning attention now to the nearby Ibaraki region makes sense. “Adjacent segments are always a concern after a large event,” he said. “And Ibaraki is closer to Tokyo,” added Wald, who was not part of Simons’ team. While the new report raises concern about the area next to the rupture zone, the issue also extends globally, said Thorne Lay, an earthquake expert and professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz. “There are many regions for which the history of earthquake occurrence is very poorly documented,” he said. “We have a long record for Japan relative to most regions, but even there we got surprised.” □

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

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## Fujimori lidera sondeo

**PERU (AP)**- El nacionalista Ollanta Humala juró públicamente el jueves que respetará la democracia y la economía de mercado si es elegido presidente de Perú, en busca de recuperar adherencias luego de que las últimas encuestas lo colocan detrás de su rival, la conservadora Keiko Fujimori. Según un sondeo electoral difundido el jueves, Fujimori ganaría el balotaje con un 52,1 por ciento de votos, mientras que Humala lograría el 47,9 por ciento, según los datos de votos válidos de un simulacro realizado por Datum. En esta foto simpatizantes de Keiko Fujimori del partido Fuerza 2011, portan calendarios de la candidata presidencial, durante una actividad proselitista en Chiclayo, Perú, ayer 19 de mayo, 2011. □

## Se eleva a 10 desaparecidos por deslave en Colombia

**COLOMBIA (AP)** - Las autoridades informaron el jueves que se elevó a 10 el número de personas desaparecidas por un deslave de tierras y rocas registrada el miércoles en el noroeste de Colombia como consecuencia de las lluvias que azotan la región. El deslave, producto de la crecida de las aguas de un riachuelo, afectó al menos cinco barrios y destruyó 20 viviendas en el municipio de San Vicente de Chucurí, en el departamento de Santander y a unos 262 kilómetros al noreste de Bogotá, aseguró Emilce Suárez, alcaldesa del lugar. Inicialmente las autoridades dijeron que el alud provocó la muerte de un niño y otras siete estaban desaparecidas, pero tras averiguar entre las familias afectadas, la cantidad se elevó a 10 personas.

“En este momento hay un grupo de rescate buscando a estas 10 personas --entre niños, adultos, y jóvenes--, pero con la creciente y la fuerza que llevaba esa quebrada no creemos que las vidas de ellos sean fáciles de rescatar” o que sigan con vida, indicó Suárez en entrevista telefónica. El director del hospital de San Vicente de Chucurí, doctor Gustavo Gómez, dijo que la víspera recibieron a 19 personas heridas, de las cuales cuatro fueron enviadas a Bucaramanga, capital del departamento y a unos 300 kilómetros al noreste de Bogotá, por la gravedad de sus heridas. □

## Pobreza en Perú disminuye en 17%

**PERU (AP)** - La pobreza en Perú registró una reducción acumulada del 17,4% en los últimos cinco años, informó el jueves el Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática (INEI). El informe indicó que en 2010 el índice de pobreza fue del 31,5%, inferior al registrado el año anterior de 34,8%. Asimismo, la pobreza extrema se redujo de 11,5% en 2009 a 9,8% en 2010, según los resultados del estudio “Evolución de la Pobreza en el Perú al 2010”, divulgado el jueves, y elaborado por el INEI con la cooperación del Banco Mundial y otras instituciones internacionales.

“En los cinco años transcurridos se ha logrado hasta el momento reducir la pobreza en 17%, un tema verdaderamente importante para nuestro país”, destacó el presidente Alan García en declaraciones a reporteros.

“En otras palabras, de cada cien peruanos que eran pobres al comienzo de mi gobierno, 35 han dejado de serlo... todo esto creo que es una excelente noticia para el país”. señaló. El informe también indicó que entre 2001 y 2010 la pobreza disminuyó en 23,5%, de 54,8% a 31,3%, y la pobreza extrema en el mismo periodo se contrajo en 14,6%. Entre otros datos, el informe reveló también que entre 2009 y 2010 la pobreza urbana disminuyó de 21,1% a 19,1%, mientras que en las áreas rurales se redujo de 60,3% a 54,2%. □

*Perú:*

## Congreso aprueba acuerdo de límites marítimos con Ecuador



**PERU (AP)** - El Congreso de Perú aprobó el acuerdo de límites marítimos suscrito con Ecuador y el canciller José Antonio García Belaunde adelantó el jueves que el instrumento será parte del expediente peruano en el contencioso marítimo con Chile ante la Corte Internacional de Justicia de La Haya.

El pleno del Congreso aprobó el miércoles en la noche por unanimidad el acuerdo de límites marítimos con Ecuador que fue firmado el 2 de mayo y que establece de forma definitiva la frontera marítima entre ambos países.

Además aprobó una ley que adecua la ley de Líneas de Base del Dominio Marítimo del Perú al acuerdo de límites marítimos con Ecuador. El canciller dijo que Perú incluirá este acuerdo en su expediente en la demanda ante La Haya, pero antes dijo se deberán cumplir algunas “formalidades” como inscribir el instrumento ante las Naciones Unidas.

“Ya hemos cumplido la formalidad de la ratificación por el parlamento peruano, ahora tenemos que intercambiar notificaciones con el Ecuador... y luego, tal como señala el mismo acuerdo, vamos a ir a Naciones Unidas a inscribirlo. Una vez que hayamos hecho eso ya presentaremos en La Haya el documento”, declaró el canciller en entrevista con la emisora Radioprogramas.

García Belaunde destacó que la ratificación del acuerdo por el Congreso evidencia el “alto nivel de inteligencia, integración y entendimiento” existente con Ecuador, refuerza la posición peruana en el contencioso marítimo con Chile y además descarta la intervención de Ecuador en ese proceso.

Perú demandó a Chile en enero de 2008 ante La Haya alegando la inexistencia de límites marítimos. Chile respondió que los límites están establecidos en los tratados internacionales de 1952 y 1954, también suscritos por Ecuador, pero Perú sostiene que aquellos fueron acu-

erdos sobre zonas de pesca y no tratados de límites, por lo que propició la suscripción de un acuerdo de límites marítimos con Ecuador para fortalecer su posición ante Chile.

“Si de los tres países del Pacífico Sur dos de ellos (Perú y Ecuador) tienen un acuerdo de límites, significa que los acuerdos del 52 y 54 no son un acuerdo de límites”, dijo García Belaunde.

El canciller manifestó que aparentemente no hubo una lectura correcta en Chile respecto de la suscripción del acuerdo de límites marítimos entre Perú y Ecuador, que fue calificada como un “autogol” peruano por las autoridades chilenas. “Yo creo que fue una reacción sin (conocer) los elementos de juicio”, comentó.

Por su parte, el presidente del Congreso, César Zumaeta, calificó la ratificación del acuerdo de límites marítimos con Ecuador como un hecho “histórico” y “una noticia de la mayor envergadura”.

Resaltó que el presidente Alan García rubricará la resolución del Congreso y “mañana cuando asista al vecino país del Ecuador va entregar estos instrumentos jurídicos que llevan el respaldo total de la representación nacional y estoy absolutamente seguro el más amplio respaldo de todo el país”.

García cumplirá una visita oficial el viernes en Quito que según el canciller ecuatoriano Ricardo Patiño “reafirma la intensa relación” binacional. “El que se produzcan reuniones bilaterales, que hayamos intensificado la relación de paz en la frontera y que el Gobierno de Perú haya reconocido la Carta Náutica de Ecuador, evidenció el deseo de mantener una relación cordial”, dijo Patiño según citó un comunicado difundido por la cancillería.

Durante su permanencia en Quito García recibirá una condecoración por parte de la Asamblea y mantendrá una reunión con el presidente Rafael Correa. □



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